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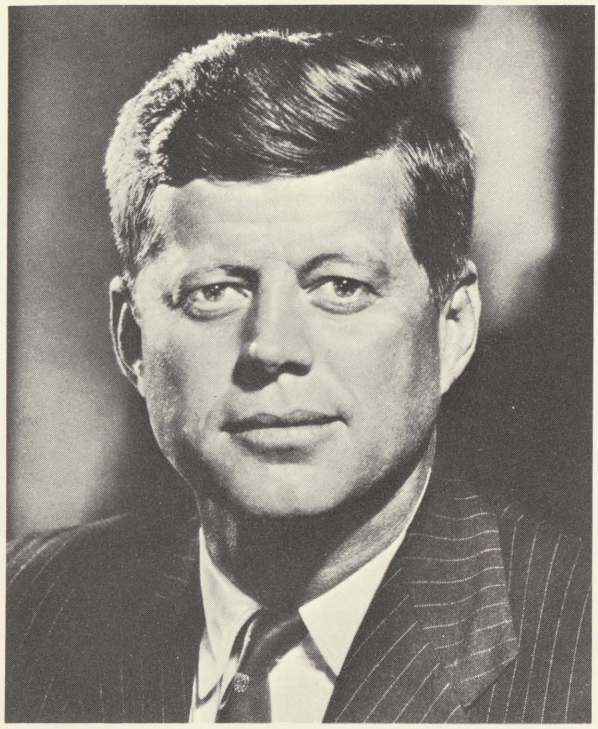
Our School Through the Eyes of Our Foreign Friends

In Memoriam



John F. Kennedy

President of the
United States

May 29, 1917—Nov. 22-1963

At the school Christmas Party, held December 21, 1963, Mr. Madden, head of the Language Department, read the following original open letter to Mrs. Kennedy, expressing our feelings upon the assassination of the President.

Dear First Lady in our hearts,

Christmas time, 1963, has come to our small town of Merrill, Michigan, with much of the outward appearance of other Christmases we have known. The stores are gay with people shopping as carols play, the streets are bright with their many-colored lights, homes look warm with their special decorations and their special foods, and, truest of all, children are ever happy, bouncing bright-eyed with the snap of winter and anticipation. All seem to say, "Christmas 1963 is the same as other happy Christmases we have known."

But it is not the same as other years, this Christmas of 1963. This year among brightly wrapped, beautifully ribboned packages, as the eye reflects, a black band loops itself from package to package--to tree--to house--to country. The darkness of the deed so recently done slips into the hearts of pondering men, and Christmas 1963 is irrevocably changed.

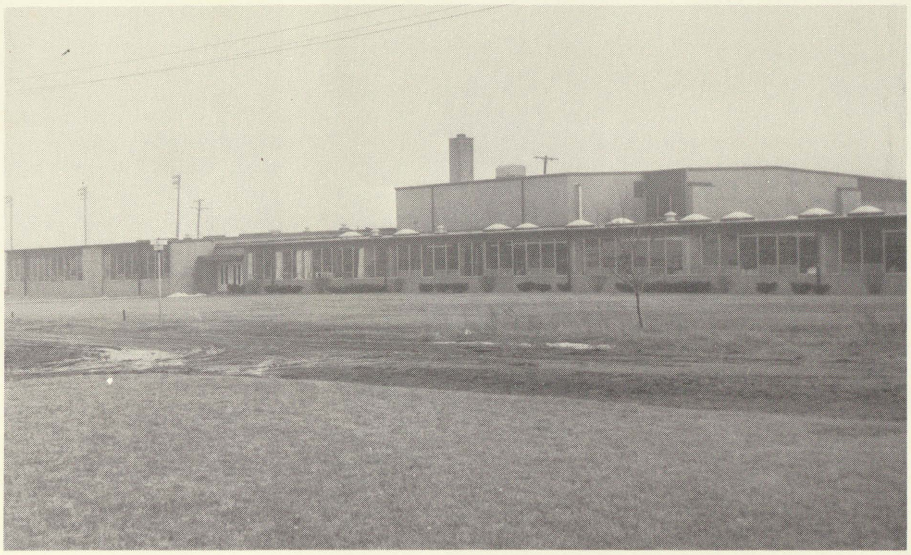
We still mourn, fittingly, our fallen leader. In this Christian season when many men think of themselves and their relationship with a Child born centuries ago in Bethlehem, we feel keenly the weight of responsibility as a citizen of both kingdoms--that of heaven and of earth. Just as the manger scene fills us with longed-for feelings of love and hope, so, too, does it foreshadow the day when the grown Christ would be infamously murdered, and the faith of His followers would be tested. Grieving widow, your husband through his brilliant leadership inspired in us, his fellow Americans, a love of country and a hope for its future. With his death we are again faced with a humbling test of faith.

This year the star that guided the Wisemen mingles with a blue jet of flame in Arlington against a black sky. The light and spirit from these fires inspire us to renew our faith in those principles thus symbolized. We will not falter; we draw life from that of others who have shown us the way.

The Madonna's veil of blue flutters in the draft of a stable and becomes--a black mourning veil as it stills. This lady who mourns in dignity has drawn her people together with the steady, tender touch of her hand. Mrs. Kennedy, we thank you for your reassurance.

So much there is to all of this of life and death that perplexes and bewilders, at times the unwitting performance of ritual best carries us through. Thus it is, dear Lady, that on this solemn Christmas of 1963, childlike we stand with hand raised in fond salute to one we loved and will remember.

Your Countrymen



MERRILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Margareta and Barbara, we welcome you to Merrill Community High School, Merrill, Michigan. The student body hopes you have an exciting stay here. Learn many things about the American way of life and be good will ambassadors for the United States. We are proud and happy to have you here. Good Luck in all your plans for the future.

Maggie and Barb Attend MHS

Learn American Ways

We were fortunate this year to have two exchange students attending Merrill High.

Barbara Brumann came to us from Helmstedt, which is in the northeastern part of Germany, quite near the Iron Curtain. She has brown eyes and dark hair and was born on May 21, 1947. Her parents are Margarete and August Bruman and she has a brother Wolfgang who is 20 and a sister Elisabeth who is 13 years old.

Margareta Bjellerup is a green-eyed blonde born March 19, 1946. Her home is in the city of Malmö in the southernmost part of Sweden. Rut and Sven Bjellerup are her parents and she has two brothers, Anders who is 16 and Peter who is 4 years old. Her sister Ingrid is 14.

While in Merrill, Barb made her home with Mrs. Rudy Mayan and Maggie lived with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boutin and Ethel.

SENIORS: LEFT TO RIGHT: Darlene Gath, Seniors; Pete Siler, Sports; Patty Doehring, Activities; Cliff Siler, Advertising.

Sharon Vedrode, Editor; Mrs. Boutin, Advisor with one of the consultants at Northwood Institute Work Shop.

Staff Prepares Summary of School Activities

Works to Achieve Better Book

Foreword

The yearbook staff proudly presents this year's Merrill Echoes. Each day the members of the staff work to put together a new and interesting book for the students of Merrill High.

This year we rearranged the pages to place more of the activities with the teachers who are responsible for them.

Special thanks should go to Sue Naessens and Jim Wetmore, our photographers, for working to achieve a good quality of pictures for our book, and to Cliff Siler for his sketches.

So, with mixed emotions of joy and sorrow, we present--ECHOES of 1964.

JUNIORS: LEFT TO RIGHT: Suzanne Naessens, Photographer; Holly Hinterman, Underclassmen; Mary Otto, Underclassmen; James Wetmore, Photographer.

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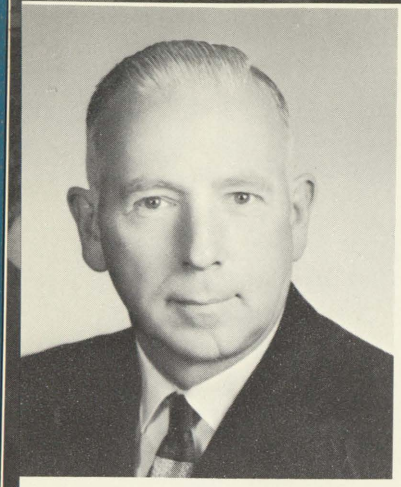
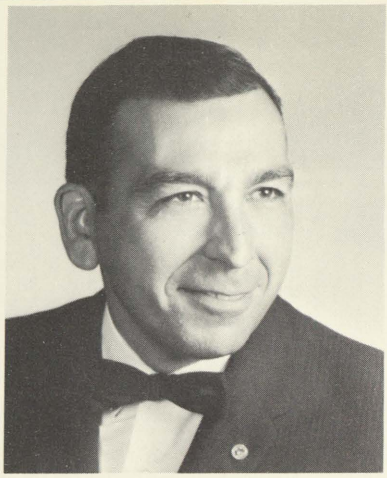
ADMINISTRATION AND CURRICULUM

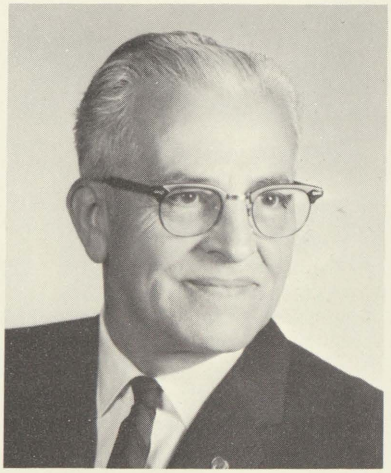


MR. LESTER WETMORE
President



MR. WILLIAM CICINELLI
Secretary

MR. JOHN DARLAND
Treasurer



The Merrill Board of Education, elected by the people of the school district, is responsible for the conduct of school matters in cooperation with the school administrators.

At the beginning of this school year, the question of ownership of the school farm, which had been contested, was settled in favor of the school board.

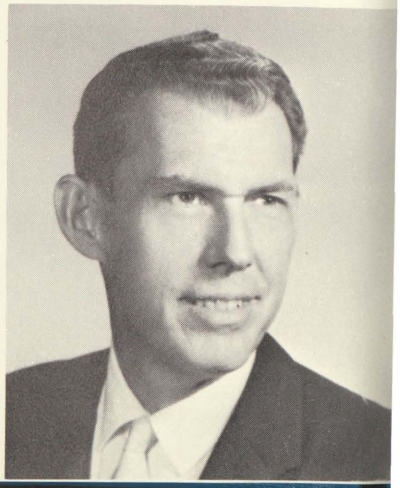
As the year progressed, it became evident that more funds would be needed to maintain the school at its present level. The proposal for added millage was defeated at the polls the first time, but through the efforts of interested citizens, it was passed at the second election.

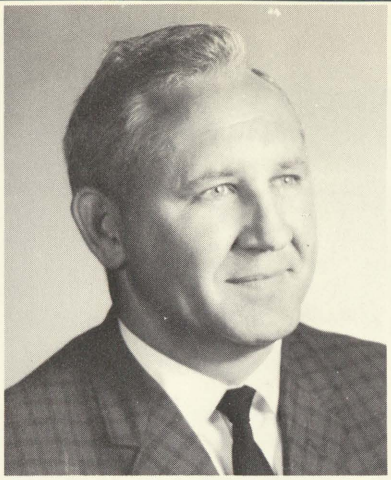
Board of Education and Administrators

Strive to Provide

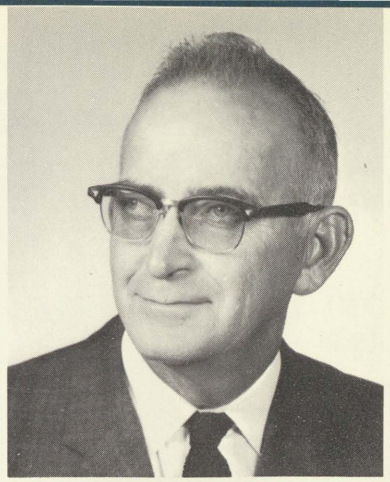
THE SCHOOL BOARD

MR. JOHN FRECHETTE
Superintendent





MR. PAUL DOEHRING
Trustee



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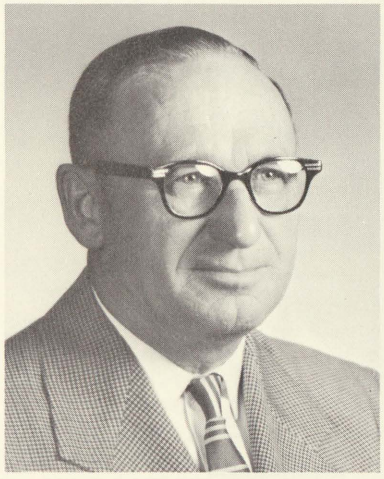

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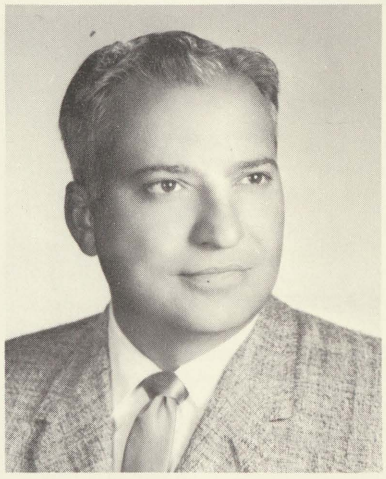
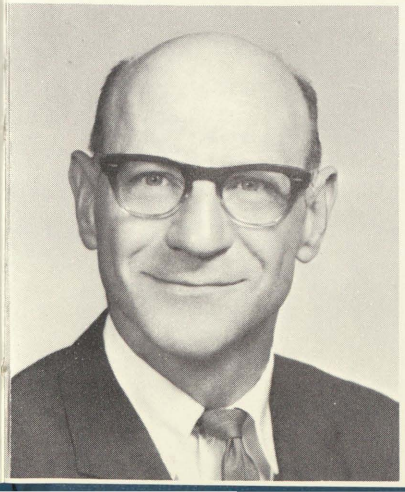


DR. ROBERT GILMORE
Trustee

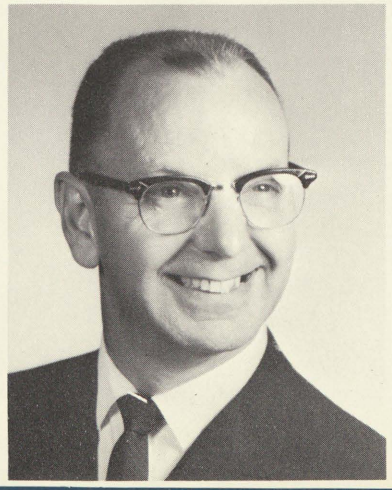
Work for Good of All

For the Education of Our Youth

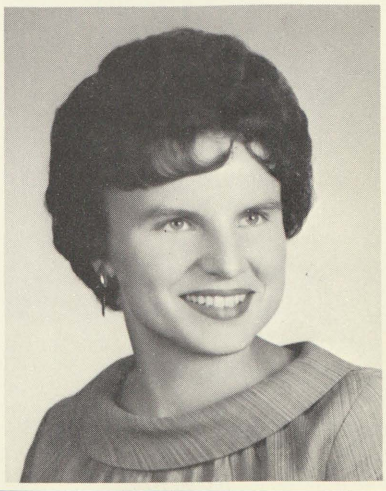
MR. IRA AUBUCHON
High School Principal



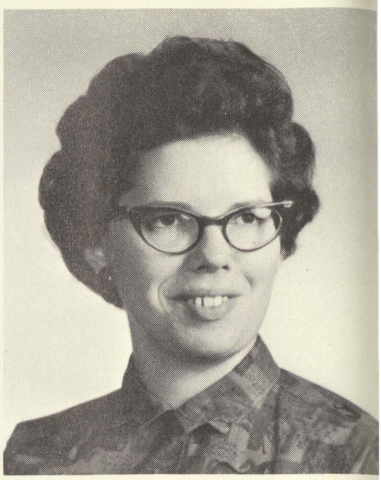
MR. CLINTON TURBIN
Elementary Principal



MISS DONNA WITT
School Secretary



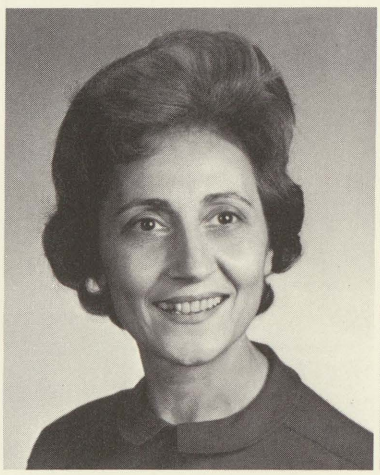
MR. EDGAR MADDEN

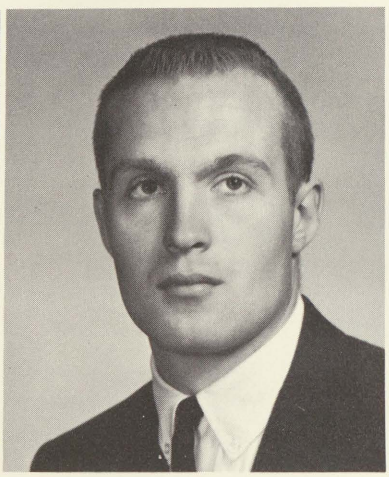


MISS JUNE QUALLS

MRS. PAULINE TOWN

MR. HOWES SMITH

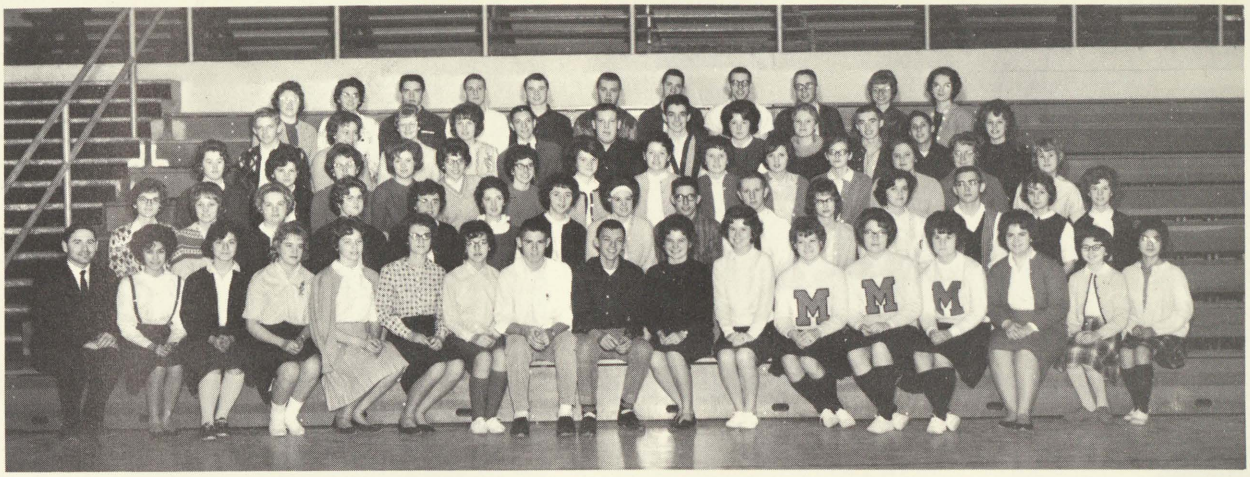




Language—Communication Between Nations

COLLEGE PREP. ENGLISH

GREAT BOOKS CLUB



Latin Club

Throughout man's life he must communicate with his friends and neighbors. This makes language a very important subject. In our school both English and Latin are taught.

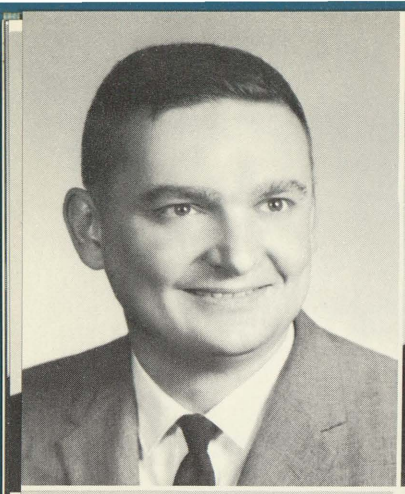
MR. EDGAR MADDEN, the head of our English department, teaches College Preparatory English and Latin I and II. He sponsors the Great Books Club and the Latin Club. He also has had articles published in the Michigan Education Journal and the English Journal.

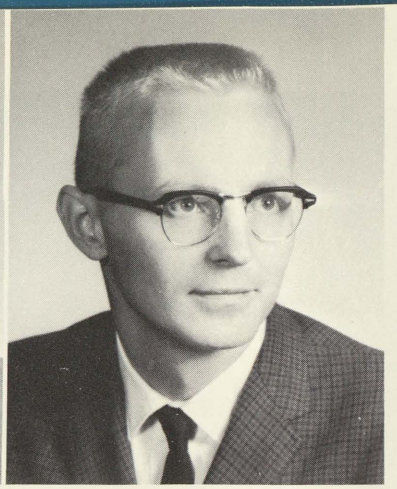
MISS JUNE QUALLS teaches American and English literature, English 10, and among her activities, directs the junior and senior plays.

MRS. PAULINE TOWN teaches English 10 and English 9. She also teaches Journalism class which puts out our school paper, VANDAL'S VOICE. This year Mrs. Town assisted in directing an all school production of the musical BYE BYE BIRDIE.

MR. HOWES SMITH teaches all the 8th grade English classes and an English 9 class. Besides teaching English, he coaches baseball and J. V. football.

Journalism Class

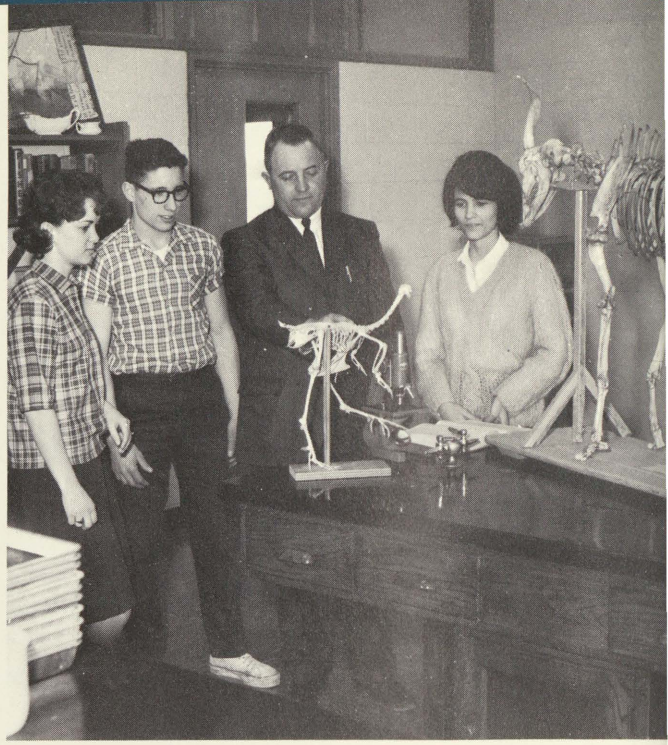




MR. ROY KEMPPAINEN

MR. JAMES OWENS

MR. GEORGE KASEL



BIOLOGY

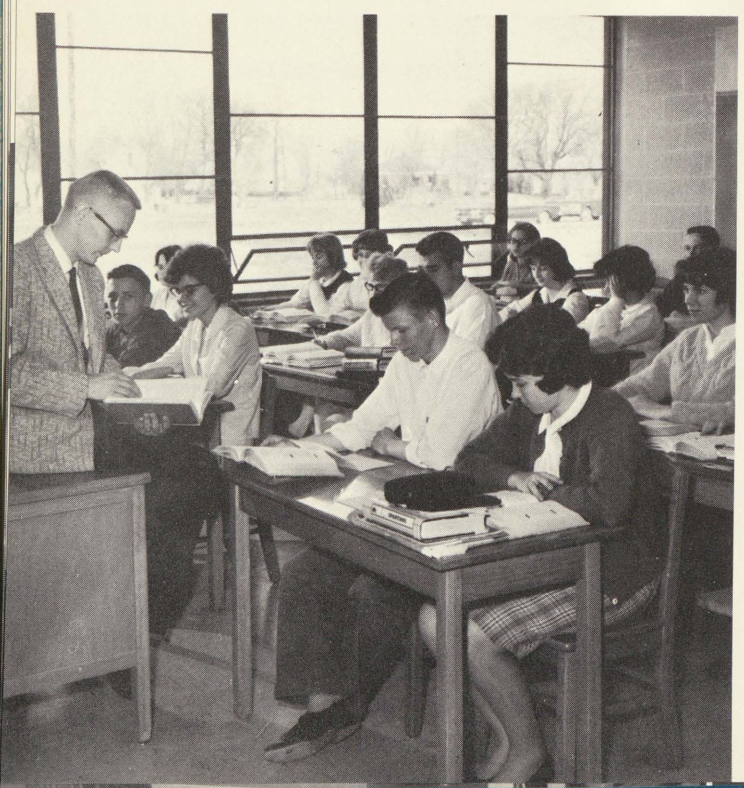
Everyday new discoveries are making our world a better place to live. Merrill High offers a good selection in Math and Science for the students to choose from.

MR. JAMES OWENS introduces students to Algebra I and II, Chemistry, and Physics. MR. ROY KEMPPAINEN teaches Plane and Solid Geometry, Trigonometry and 8th grade Math. MR. GEORGE KASEL specializes in Biology, and also teaches 8th grade Shop and American History.

Math and Science

Important for World Use

GEOMETRY



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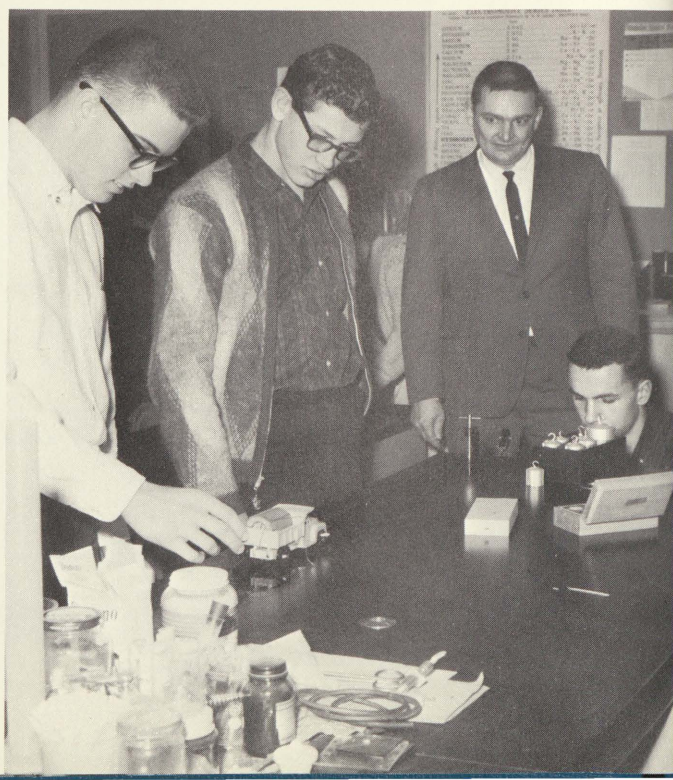

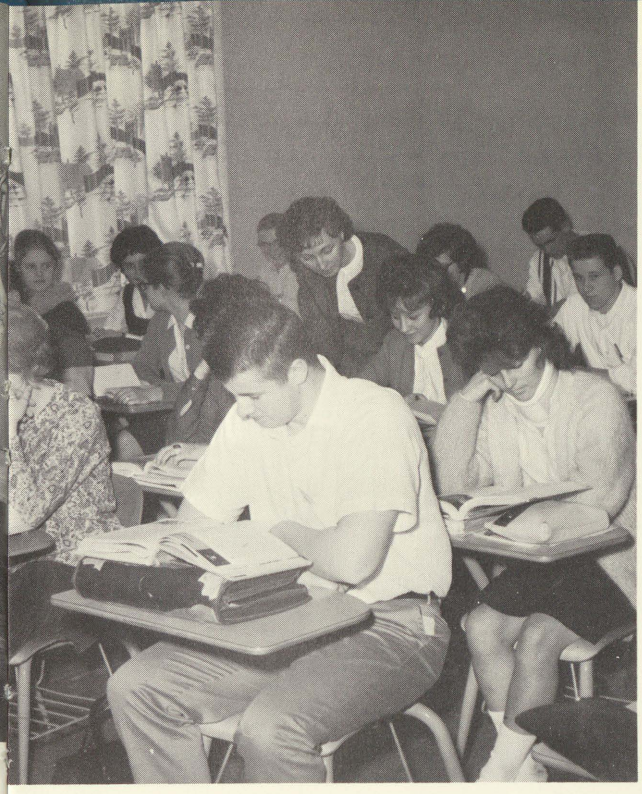

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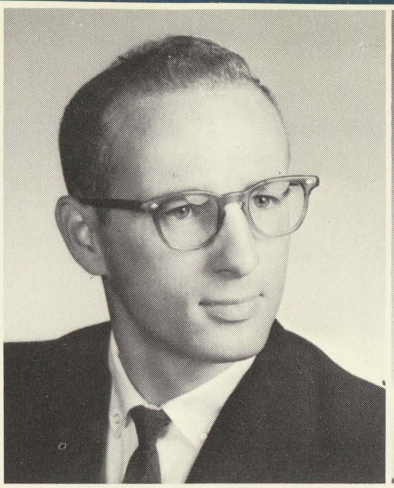


MR. JOHN HYNES

MRS. BARBARA LISTING

To better ourselves tomorrow, we must first learn our history and the laws that govern us. In our Social Studies department, students are taught this necessary information.

MR. ROBERT McANARY, whose major field is sports, teaches World History and Government. MR. JOHN HYNES teaches 8th grade Civics and General Science. MRS. BARBARA LISTING teaches Social Studies and American History. MR. GEORGE KASEL also teaches 8th grade American History.

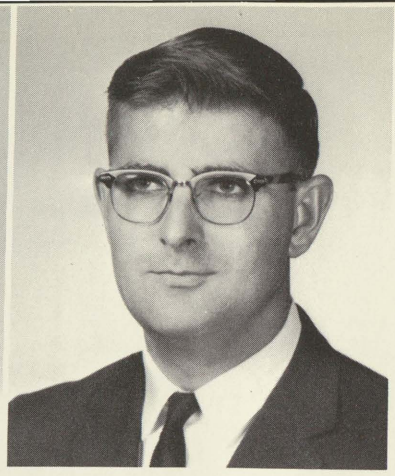
Social Studies

Man and the World Around Him

GOVERNMENT

CIVICS, GENERAL SCIENCE

MRS. MARIAN FRECHETTE



MR. THOMAS LIMBERG

In today's growing world of business, a good commercial background is very necessary. Merrill High has done its best to give the students opportunities to get acquainted in the field.

MR. THOMAS LIMBERG introduces the basic business courses by teaching Typing I and II, General Business, and Bookkeeping.

MRS. MARIAN FRECHETTE gives the students who wish to develope their skill, this opportunity. She teaches Typing II and Shorthand I and II.

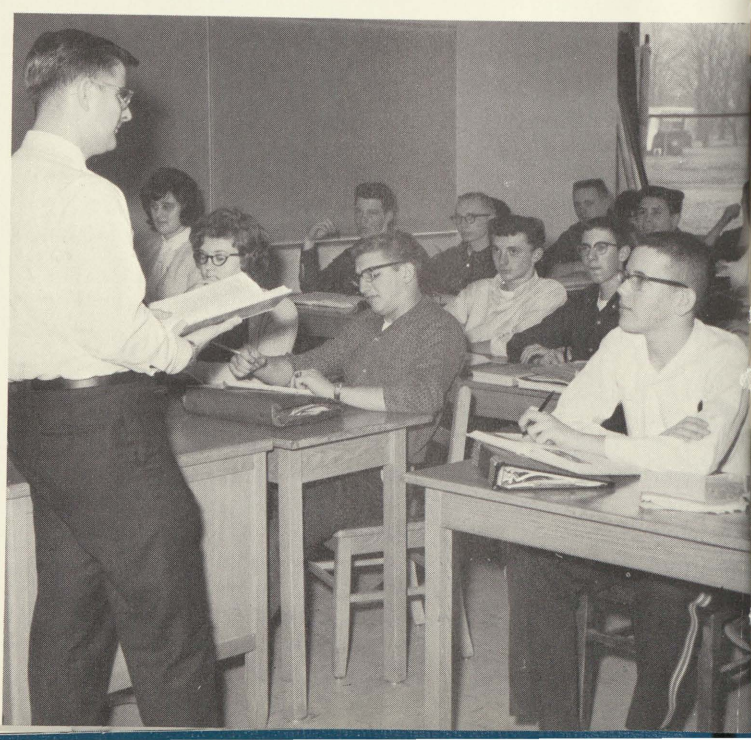
TYPING II

Commercial Courses

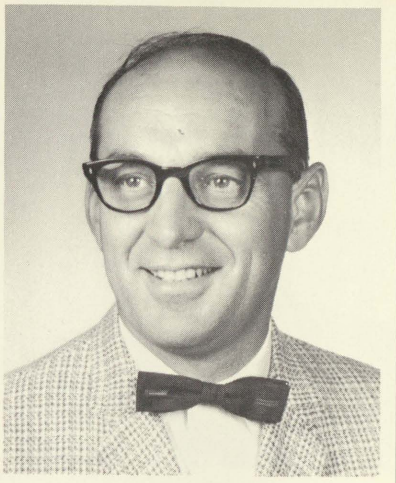
Development of Business Skills

SHORTHAND II

GENERAL BUSINESS



MECHANICAL DRAWING



MR. LEO BOSIO

Industrial Arts

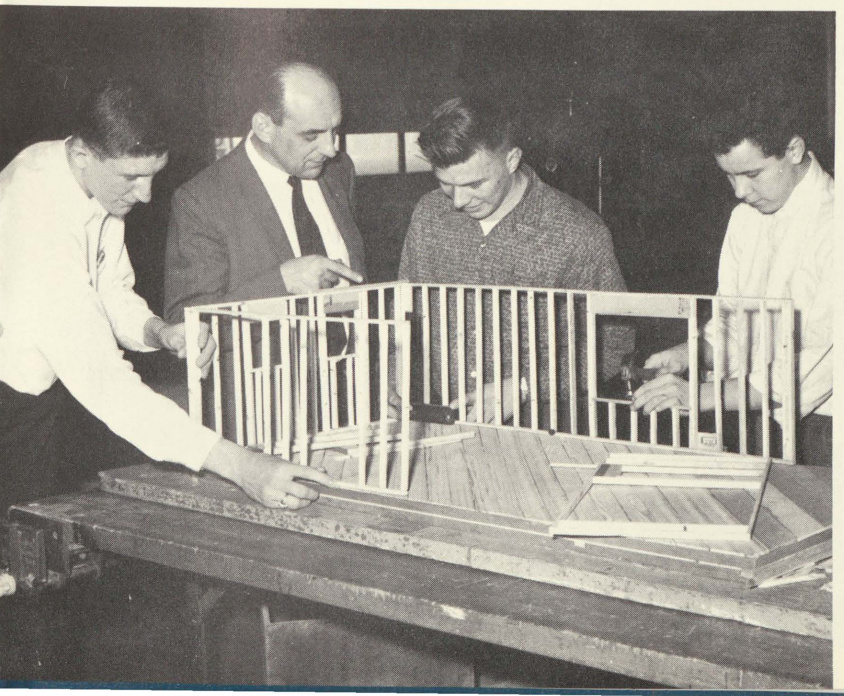
Development of Manual Skills

Many people have a special ability to use their hands. Therefore Merrill High offers both Mechanical Drawing and Shop.

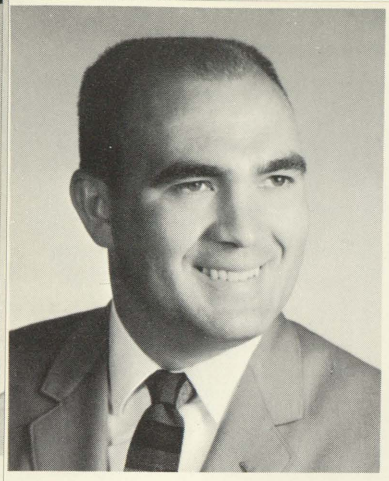
Under MR. LEO BOSIO'S guidance, boys are given a chance to develope their skills in this field. He teaches three years of Shop and two years of Mechanical Drawing.

MR. GEORGE KASEL, whose major field is Biology, helps in getting the boys started by teaching 8th grade Shop.

SHOP CLASS

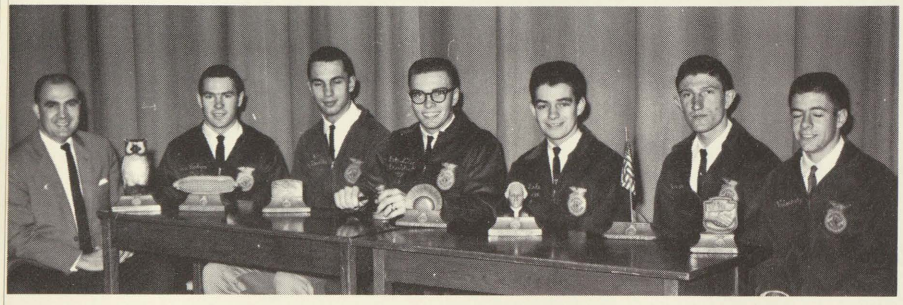


SPECIAL PROJECT
building scenery



MR. RICHARD BARNES

"And you think the Beatles look bad !"



FFA OFFICERS: Mr. Barnes, Advisor; Dan Buckley, Sec'y; Jerry Goschka, Vice Pres.; Pete Siler, Pres.; Eugene Dale, Treas.; Cliff Siler, Reporter; Nick Locanto, Sent.

MR. BARNES, our agriculture teacher, teaches our boys the new methods of farming and the best ways to raise animals.

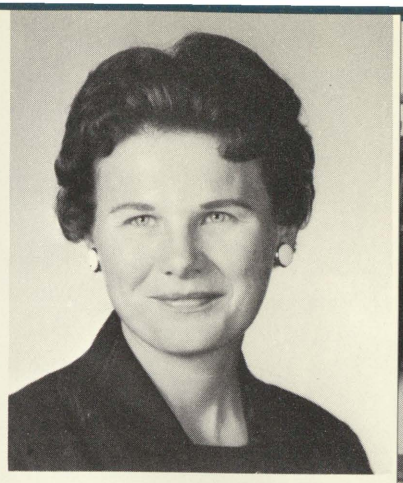
The FFA has had another successful season. One of their achievements was that of winning 1st place in both district and regional contests and 3rd place in state parliamentary procedure. They also won the George Brown Trophy. One of their members, Ken Dungey, won a trip to Chicago. Other highlights were the FFA-FHA initiation; game supper; Big Acre banquet; seed sale, which netted over $1000; Parent & Son banquet; and Leadership Training Camp.

Agriculture

An Important Part of Our Community

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Are they always like this?



MRS. CHARLOTTE WILK

FHA OFFICERS, SEATED: Carol Honaman, Pres.; Sue Frost, 1st Vice Pres.; Adela Garza, 2nd Vice Pres.; Darlene Stenzel, 3rd Vice Pres.; Joan Turbin, Treas.; Mrs. Wilk, Advisor. STANDING: Ann Johnston, Songleader; Marcia Shaw, Sec'y; Ethel Boutin, Hist.; Jean Valliere, Parliamentarian; Cheri Darland, Reporter; Joanne Francetic, Pianist.

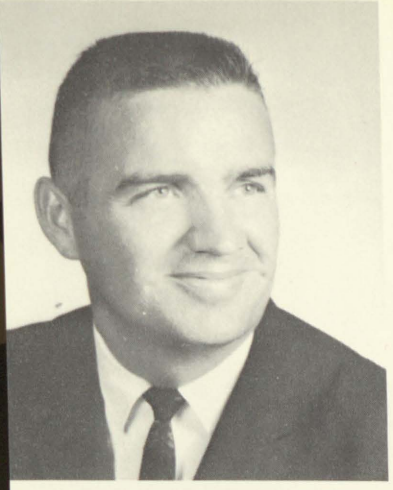
MRS. WILK, our homemaking teacher, teaches our girls the arts of cooking and sewing.

Our FHA, which has the largest chapter in Michigan, has engaged in many activities this past year. These include the Mother-Daughter Banquet, the sale of candy and cook books, a caroling party at Christmas, and the participation of 23 girls at the State Convention in Grand Rapids. At Christmas the FHA gave a gift of $60 to the Caro Home for Mentally Retarded Children for an exercise mat. Also, Diane Poyer won the "Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow" award.

Homemaking

One Thing That Cannot Be Replaced by Computers

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



MR. DOUGLAS LAWSON

The Merrill High School Band distinguished itself in several ways this year. The band earned a first rating at the District III MSBOA Band Festival held at Freeland. Two students were awarded first division rating at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival after qualifying at the District level. One of these, Janet Hock, was selected for the second annual John Philip Sousa Band Award, given to the most outstanding senior band student. The other, Joan Turbin, attended the Michigan Week observance in Flint on May 23 and participated in a state-wide Honors Band chosen for that occasion. Many students represented Merrill at various musical events.

In addition to the festivals, the concert band participated in the Christmas, Spring, and Senior Band Concerts, as well as Baccalaureate and Commencement. The "Marching Vandals" appeared at all home football games, the Chesaning Invitational Marching Clinic, the University of Michigan Band Day, the Memorial Day Parade, and, for the first time, the Mayor Exchange Day of Michigan Week.

MAJORETTES: Joyce Haller and Kathy Pontseele.

Music Department

Successful Year Includes a Band First in District

MERRILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

MERRILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BAND

Janet, award winner.

Joan, outstanding baritone sax player.

Pins for graduates.

Trumpeters ten plus two.

MERRILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The Mixed Chorus and the Glee Club performed at the Christmas and Spring concerts, as well as at an all-school chorus assembly. On Palm Sunday the chorus presented an Easter Cantata, TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH by Bernard Hamblen, and finished the year with a performance at the Baccalaureate services for the graduates. These groups were under the direction of Mr. Lawson with Mrs. Cameron Boutin as accompanist.

Sing Along with Us

We're on Our Way to a Singing Future

MERRILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL MIXED CHORUS

Mrs. Boutin heads our library at Merrill High. With the help of the student assistants she keeps the books mended and in order so that we can find the material we need quickly and easily.

Mrs. Boutin is also the advisor of the Annual Staff.

INTERMEDIATE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS, STANDING: Dodie Purcell; Mary Lynn Hickson. SEATED: Diane Witt.

ELEMENTARY LIBRARY ASSISTANTS: Kathy Chernow; Gloria Hernandez; Santa Hernandez; Holly Hinterman; Karen Cermak; Delphine Riegle.

Our Libraries

The Source of All Knowledge

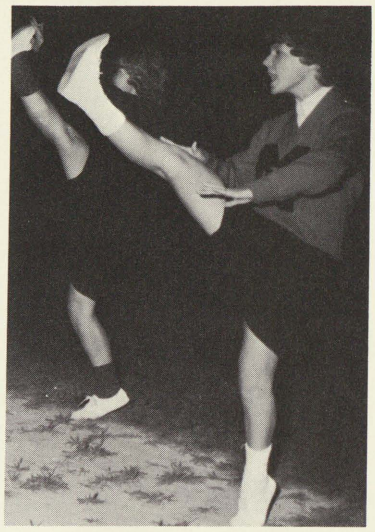
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSISTANTS, STANDING: Mrs. Boutin, Librarian; Sondra Hinterman; Patsy Stadler; JoAnn Doan; Yvonne Bucholz; Christine Wenzel; Ruth Hoggard; Sandie Breasbois. SEATED: Marcia Brubaker; Betty Smith; Connie Cornejo; Beverly Loy; Edith Ross; Karleen Stegman.

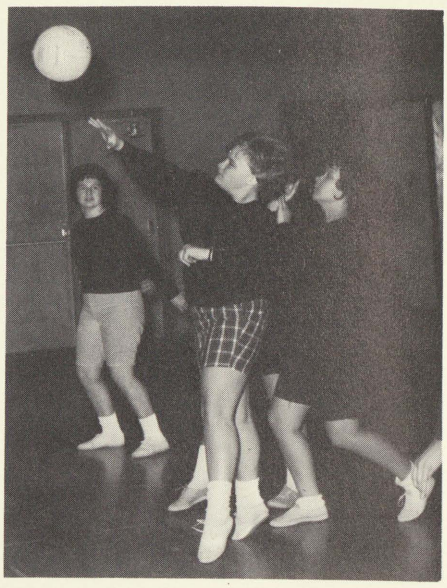
MRS. HELEN BOUTIN

MRS. NANCY KLEINER

Mrs. Kleiner teaches physical education to 8th, 9th, and high school girls. She also has classes at the Intermediate School.

Mrs. Kleiner is the advisor of the GAA, and encourages the girls to keep themselves neat and physically fit at all times.





"Did she or didn't she."

Physically Fit, Mentally Alert

Our Merrill High Girls

The GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION is an organization for all girls who like sports. Among the many activities they participate in are bowling, socker, speed ball, football, softball and this year they had a basketball game with St. Charles which they won 25 to 19. The highlights of the year were the new trampoline of which they paid half the cost, and the making of a Constitution. Their motto is: A girl for every sport and a sport for every girl. OFFICERS: Jean Valliere, President; Diane Poyer, Vice President; Ethel Boutin, Secretary; Arlene Turbin, Treasurer; Sue Frost, Reporter; Karleen Stegman, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Kleiner, Advisor.

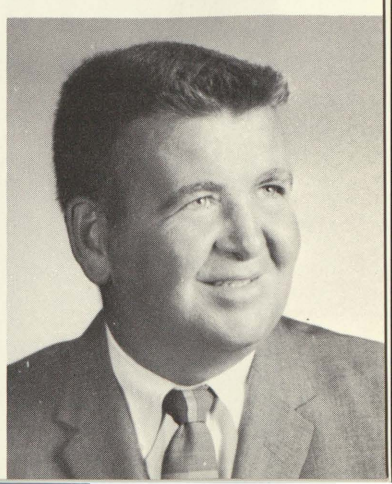
VARSITY CLUB, LEFT TO RIGHT: John Sklba; Jim Naessens; Keith Clark; Jerry Goschka; John Darland; Larry Tester; Ron Sherman; Gary Schultz; Kurt Cicinelli; Dave Kennedy; Gary Wenzel; Dick Siler; Tom Valliere; Paul Miscak; Dennis Bosio; Lonnie Roberts; Jeff Cole; Larry Doehring; John Espinosa; Dale Pratt; Jim Wetmore; Bob Krueger; Duane Maier; Rod Clark; Dave Perry, Sgt. at Arms; Dan Buckley, Sec'y-Treas.; John Eastman, Pres.; Pete Siler, Vice Pres.

Merrill High Builds Men

Our Future Leaders

"Keep smiling boys!"

Mr. ROBERT McANARY, better known as "Coach," helps build strength and character in our boys. He also builds a respect for law by teaching Government.



CAFETERIA ASSISTANTS WITH MRS. BESSIE KNAPPER AND MRS. IRENE MINTO, COOKS.

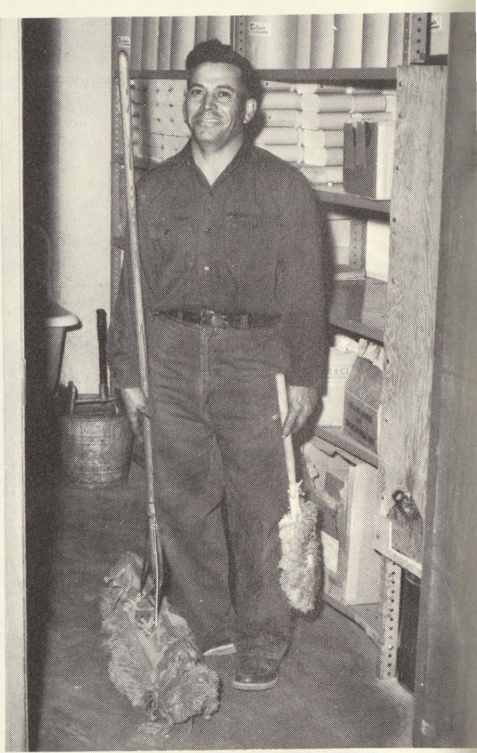
Hats Off to Our Service Groups

The Workers Behind the Scene

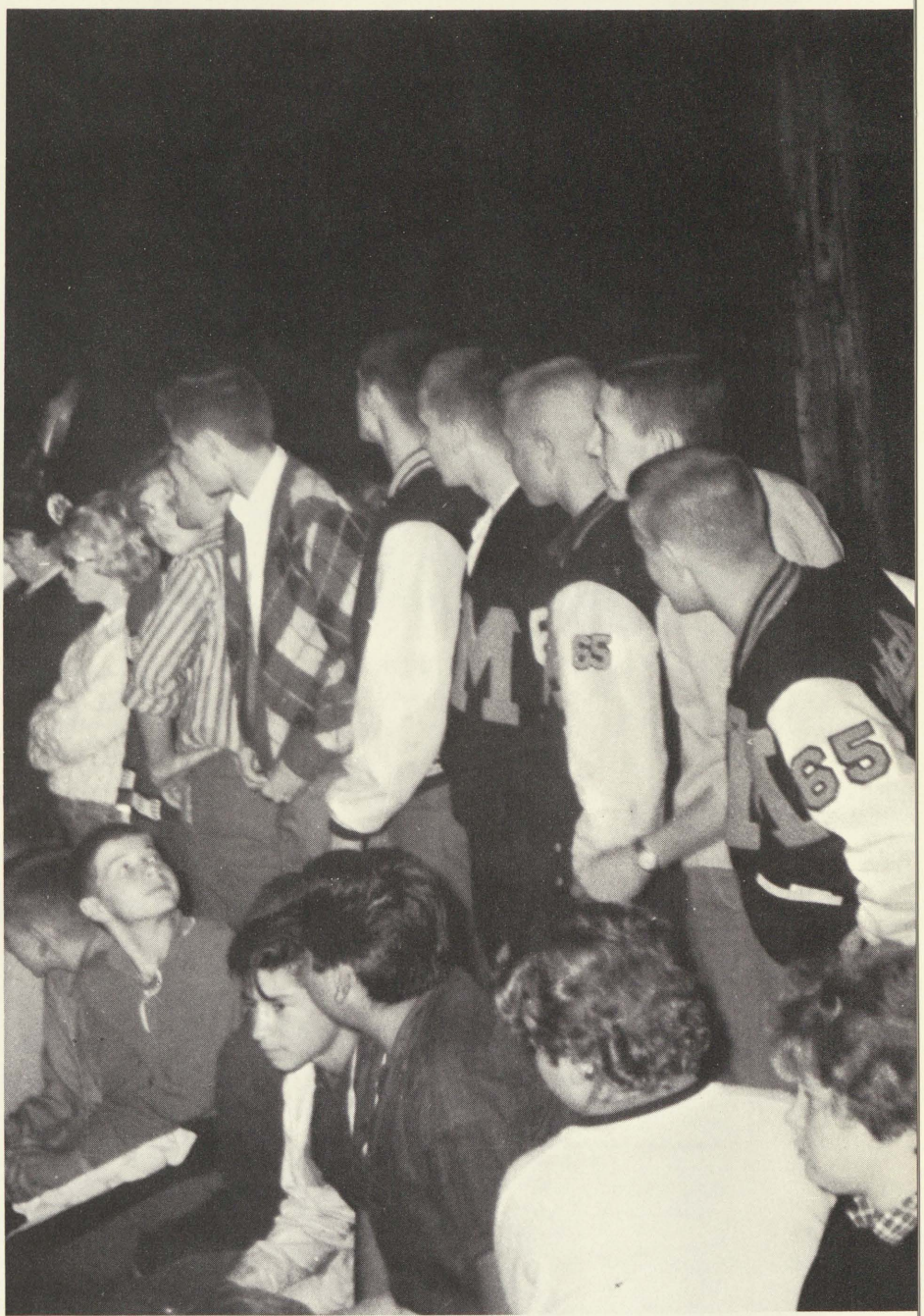
CUSTODIANS

MR. LLOYD NEWVINE

MR. JAMES GUTIERREZ



BUS DRIVERS, FRONT ROW: Mr. John Garno; Mr. Julius Cepak; Mrs. Maxine Sherwood; Mr. Monroe Shaw; Mr. Tom Moulton; Mr. Don Smith. BACK ROW: Mr. Frank Cepak; Mr. Cliff Dubay; Rev. Carl Barrett; Mr. Jack Ellis; Mr. Wilfred Wagner.



ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, FIRST ROW: Mary Otto; Sheila Doyle; Sharon Vedrode; Arlene Turbin; Eugene Dale; Ethel Boutin; Ruth Welling; Carol Honaman, Secretary. SECOND ROW: Mr. Aubuchon, Advisor; Larry Doehring, Treasurer; Joan Wenzel; Mike Dale; Jim Bluemer; Ken Wegner; John Darland; Darlene Gath, Vice-President; Tom Carstensen; Judy Reinke; Patty Doehring, President; Janice Francetic.

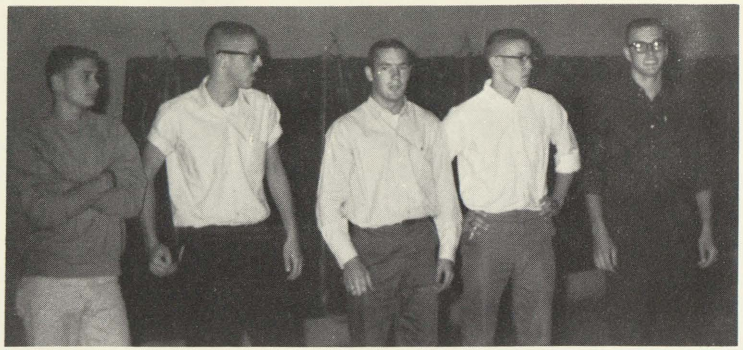
Special Groups at Merrill High School

STUDENT COUNCIL, FIRST ROW: Barbara Brumann; Margretta Bjellerup; Mike Dale; Jim Bluemer. SECOND ROW: Karen Jensen; Mike Siler; David Kennedy; Larry Tester. THIRD ROW: Kenneth Maier; Art Tolfree; Sheila Doyle; Peggy Hodges. FOURTH ROW: Pete Siler; Darlene Gath; Ethel Boutin. STANDING: Mr. Aubuchon, Advisor; John Darland, President; Carol Honaman, Vice-President; Cheri Darland, Secretary; Arlene Turbin, Treasurer.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, FIRST ROW: Connie Cornejo; Sondra Hinterman; Janet Gensch; Connie Mikusko. SECOND ROW: Mary McQueen, Historian; Marcia Shaw; Judy Stadler; Janet Dembicky. THIRD ROW: Jo Ann Meyer, Reporter; Janet Darland; Lynn Hutfilz; Cheri Darland; Joan Turbin; Jo Ann Francetic. STANDING: Cliff Siler, President; Sharon Vedrode, Vice-President; Arlene Turbin, Secretary; Ida Euler, Parliamentarian; Beverly Brubaker, Treasurer; Mary Otto; Mr. Turbin, Advisor; Judy Reinke.

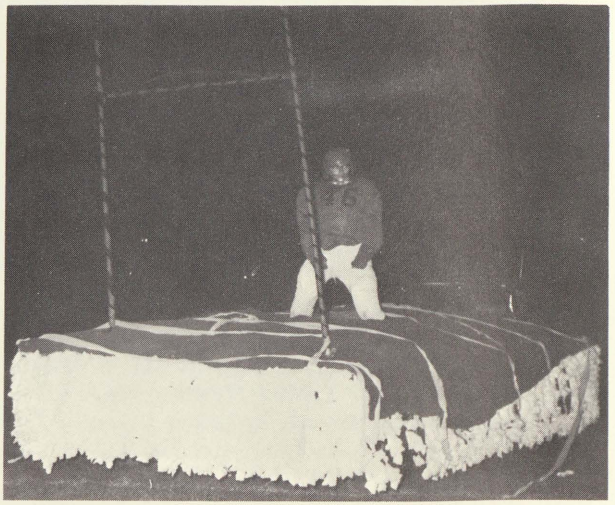
Develope Leadership and Service in Students

OFFICE ASSISTANTS, FIRST ROW: Donna Witt, School Secretary; Beverly Brubaker; Arlene Turbin; Carole Schultz; Marlene Starke; Ruth Welling; Mary McQueen. SECOND ROW: Darlene Stenzel; Carol Honaman; Cheri Darland; Jo Ann Meyer; Sharon Vedrode; Sue Frost; Gail Owen. THIRD ROW: Janet Darland; Joan Wenzel; Diane Tolfree; Janet Hock; Beverly Gensch; Gayle Johnson. FOURTH ROW: Eloise Dietrich; Sandra Breasbois; Ray Dopp; Diane Poyer; Karen Doan.



Our King and handsome court.

Queen Carol and her court.



Merrill's first float, Mr. Touchdown.

Our Homecoming—Fall of '64

Crowning of Queen Carol!

Crowning of King John!

October 18, 1963 was a pleasant evening for the spectators. The weather was warm and the excitement high as the Merrill Vandals defeated the Breckenridge Huskies by a score of 13-7.

During the halftime the Student Council presented their float which was the first to be made in the history of M. H. S. At this time Queen Carol and her court also received corsages which matched their pastel outfits.

The royalty was crowned at the dance which was held in the gym decorated to the theme of MR. TOUCHDOWN. Queen Carol Honaman and King Jon Eastman reigned over a court consisting of Paul Micsak and Jean Sefcik, John Darland and Adela Garza, Pete Siler and Diane Poyer, and Dan Buckley and Arlene Turbin. At this Homecoming Ball guests danced to the music of The Highlanders, a band from Alma College.

The Highlanders . . . a real swinging group.

"I could have danced all night!"

STAFF, AT LEFT, SEATED: Gail Owen; Darlene Stenzel; Marcia Brubaker; Bonnie Strait. STANDING: Diane Poyer; Darlene Gath; Jean Valliere; Adela Garza. BELOW, SEATED: Eloise Dietrich; Beverly Brubaker; Patty Doehring. STANDING: Rodney Pringle; David Perry; Tom Ward.

Seniors Presented:

The Marriage Machine

A Merry Machine-age

Mixup

CAST, SEATED: Jean Sefcik; Janet Hock; Sue Frost; Darlene Stenzel; Sharon Vedrode; Bonnie Strait; Margareta Bjellerup; Ethel Boutin. STANDING: Miss Qualls, Director; Carole Schultz; Pete Siler; Ron Sherman; Jerry Goschka; Cliff Siler; Jim Beougher; Eugene Dale; Rod Harris; Dave Gonzales.

CAST, SEATED: Adela SanMiguel; Dennis Bosio; Dodie Purcell; Mary Otto. STANDING, FIRST ROW: Miss Qualls, Director; Judy Stadler; Sue Naessens; Holly Hinterman; Mary McQueen. SECOND ROW: Jim Bluemer; Tom Carstensen; Donna Poyer; Joan Turbin. THIRD ROW: Paul Schwind; Larry Breasbois; Gary Fleming; John Sklba; Jim Naessens; Tom Caulfield; Ken Wegner.

Juniors Presented:

The Boy Who Changed the World

It Could Have Happened This Way

STAFF, ABOVE, SEATED: Karolyne Jensen; Kathy Dopp; Cheri Darland; JoAnn Myers; Beverly Gensch. STANDING: Marcia Shaw; Joyce Haller; Mark Siler; Gayle Johnson; Shirley Loy. AT RIGHT, SEATED: Karleen Stegman; Sharon Gagne. STANDING: Ron Buckley; Larry Tester; Joyce Wenzel; Carole Doehring.

A Perfect Evening On the Banks of Moon River

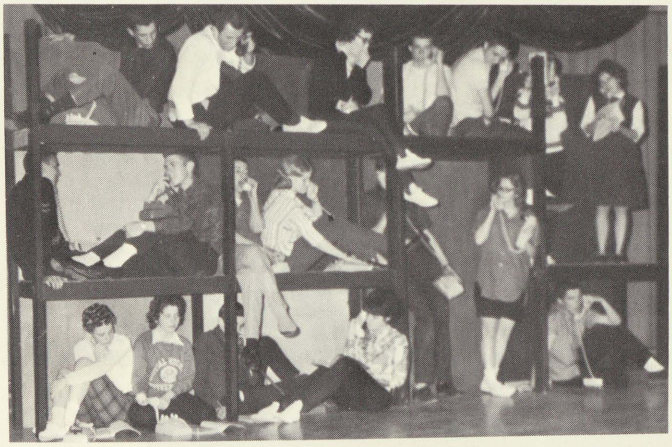
THE DETONATORS Furnish

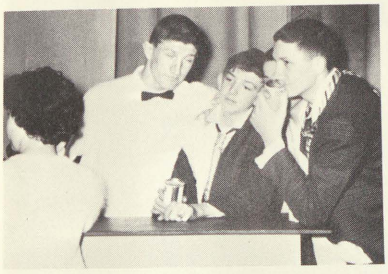
Music for Prom Following

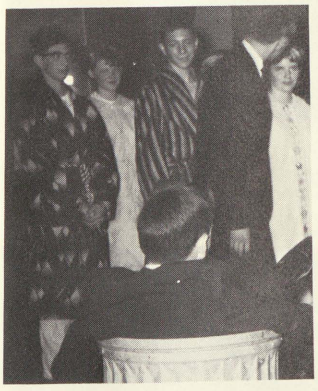
Banquet

THE BEGINNING: The stage band worked hard. AT LEFT, THE PRINCIPALS: Ethel Boutin, KIM McAFEE; Mr. Lawson and Mrs. Town, Directors; Keith Clark, ALBERT PETERSON; Larry Doehring, CONRAD BIRDIE; Ann Johnston, ROSE ALVAREZ.

Merrill's First Musical: Bye Bye Birdie
All-School Production Rates Raves







Sweet taste of success

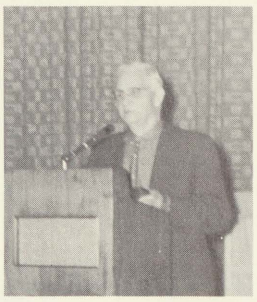
Banquets

Lots of Fun
and Food for All

FFA Parent-Son Banquet
Pete, President
Adela, Chapter Sweetheart

NHS banquet.
Larry lights the candle of service.

Christmas party--A Swedish custom, Santa Lucia.



Athletic Banquet--awards for athletes. For Mr. Wilhelm, first Alumnus Award.

FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet

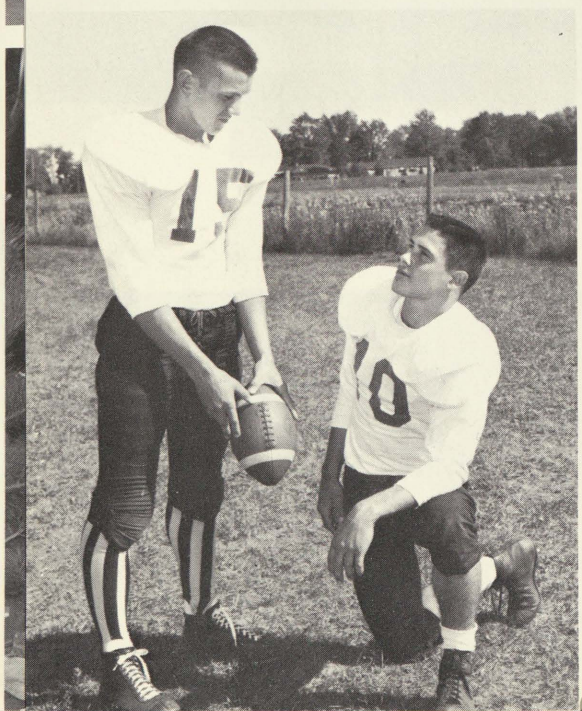
FFA Game Supper

ATHLETICS

VARSITY FOOTBALL, FIRST ROW; SENIORS: Gene Dale; Dave Gonzalez; Pete Siler; Dan Buckley; Jon Eastman, Co-Captain; Paul Micsak, Co-Captain; John Darland; Dick Londry; Dick Siler; Jeff Cole; Dave Perry, Student-Manager. SECOND ROW: John Espinosa; Jim Bluemer; Tom Carstensen; Rod Clark; Earl Tack; Kurt Cicinelli; Bob Krueger; Larry Doehring; Paul Schwind, Student Manager; Gordon Rohn, Student Manager. THIRD ROW: Mr. Krause, Ass't Coach; Mr. McAnary, Coach; Duane Maier; Jim Wetmore; Tom Valliere; Gary Wenzel; Phil Neitzke; Larry Tester; Gary Schultz; John Sklba; Jim Naessens; Dave Kennedy.

Show Fighting Spirit

Co-Captains: Paul Micsak,
Jon Eastman.



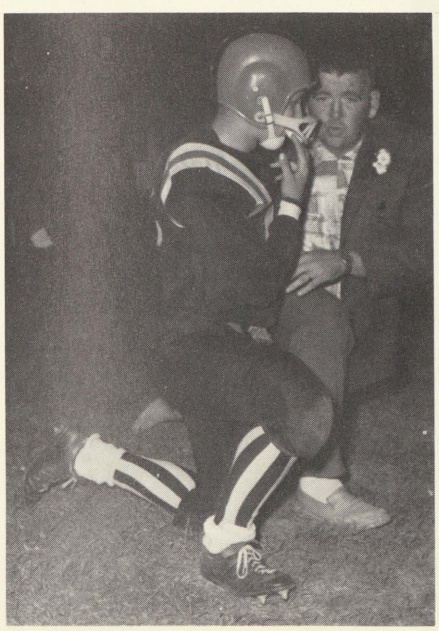
VARSITY SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
MT. PLEASANT S. H.	6	0
SHEPHERD	7	13
MICH. LUTH. SEM.	7	7
HEMLOCK	7	19
FREELAND	32	33
BRECKENRIDGE	13	7
ST. CHARLES	0	40
BULLOCK CREEK	33	13

Touchdown, "Tiger"

J. V. FOOTBALL, FIRST ROW: Dave Doehring; Ed McCartney; Keith Pontseele; Dennis Brooks; Dennis Beougher; Dave Purcell; Tom Syers; Bill Watson; Dan Micsak; Mike Dale; Bill Devereaux, Student Manager. SECOND ROW: Mike Griese; Jack Garner; Ken Beougher; Bob Stewart; John Cooper; Glen Glazier; Fred Alaniz; Mike Petricevic; Jim Conklin; Alex Ross. THIRD ROW: Ray Syers; Charles Rinz; Doug Kapff; Joe Gifford; Ron Miller; Craig Koosis; Glen Shook; Terry McNier; Dave Edwards; Ken Dungey. FOURTH ROW: Mr. Smith, Coach; Loren Draves; Rex Wierman; Jim Felker; Doug Short; Bob Pichard; Walter DeLoe; Keith Clark; Bob Cicinelli; Danny Meyer; John Johnson; Art Lauer.

Inexperienced Vandals



"But Coach I can't brush after every touchdown!"

Although Lady Luck never seemed to smile on the Vandals in '63, the boys showed the enthusiasm and spirit of a championship team. Next fall will see a host of experienced lettermen return to fill the gaps left by the 10 graduating seniors.

"Why frown, Tom? We're winning!"

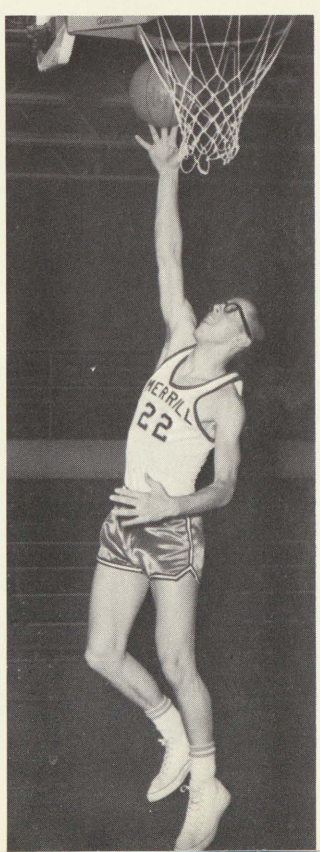
VARSITY BASKETBALL, FRONT ROW: John Darland, Captain; Coach McAnary; Larry Doehring; John Espinosa; Ron Buckley; Tom Meyer; Dave Kennedy. KNEELING: Gary Wenzel; Dan Buckley. STANDING: Paul Micsak; Larry Tester; Jerry Goschka; Mike Dale, Student Manager.

Vandals District Champs, Co-Champs in CML

Bowed Out to Byron Center in Regional Finals

VARSITY SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
St. Louis	50	45
Freeland	86	56
Breckenridge	82	55
Shepherd	66	59
Mt. Pleasant S.H.	53	57
Mich. Luth. Sem.	60	53
St. Charles	106	55
Hemlock	68	49
Freeland	99	45
Breckenridge	87	74
Shepherd	58	56
Maple Grove St. Michael's	81	52
Mt. Pleasant S.H.	69	58
Mich. Luth. Sem.	71	73
St. Charles	62	52
Hemlock	70	44

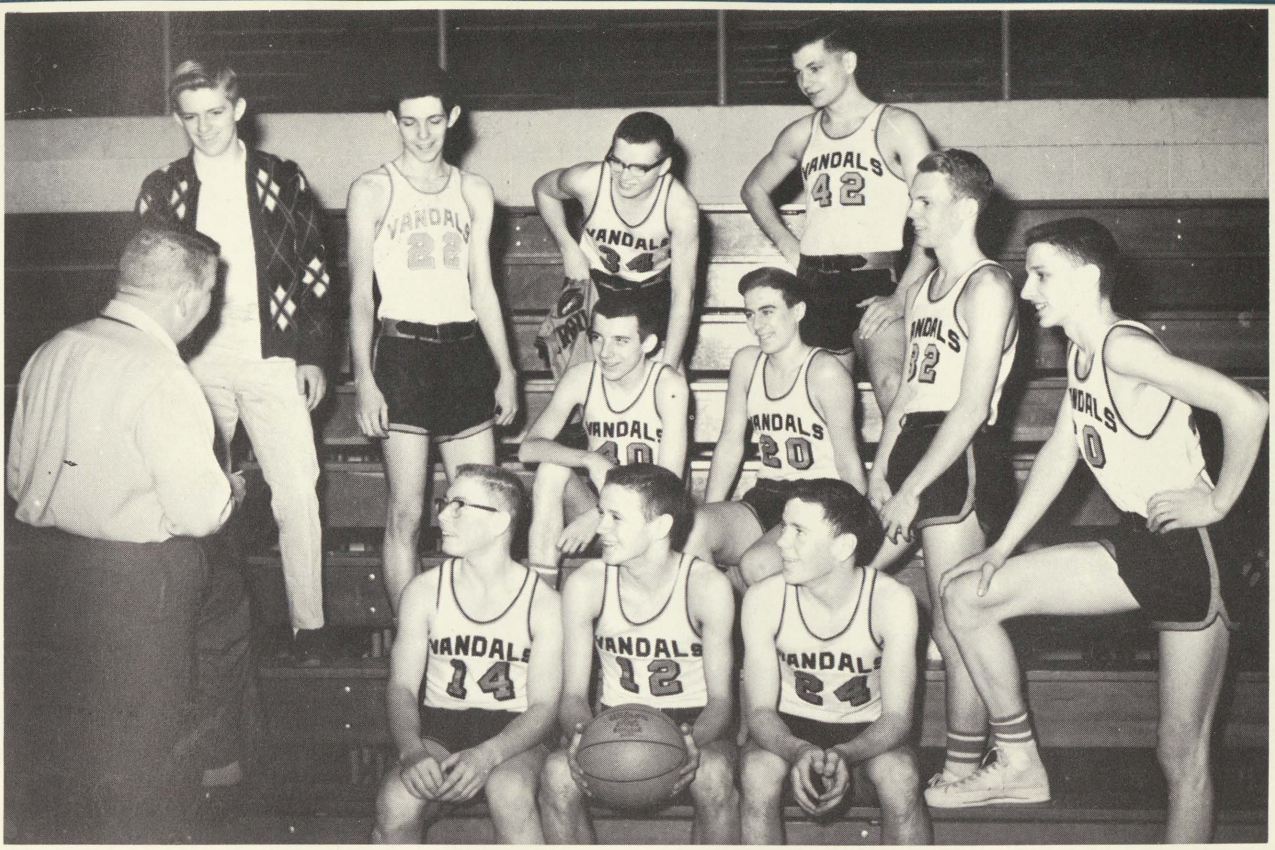


Captain John Darland

The Merrill Vandals basketball team, led by Captain John Darland, ended their regular season with a 14-2 record and co-champs in the CML.

The high flying Vandals also set two new school-scoring records at mid-season against the St. Charles Bulldogs. Gary Wenzel set the individual scoring record for one game with 44 points which helped the Vandals considerably as they compiled 106 points for a new team scoring record.

After regular season play, Merrill breezed through their district tournaments and made a whole-hearted effort for the Regional crown but were edged out 64-59 by a taller Byron Center team.

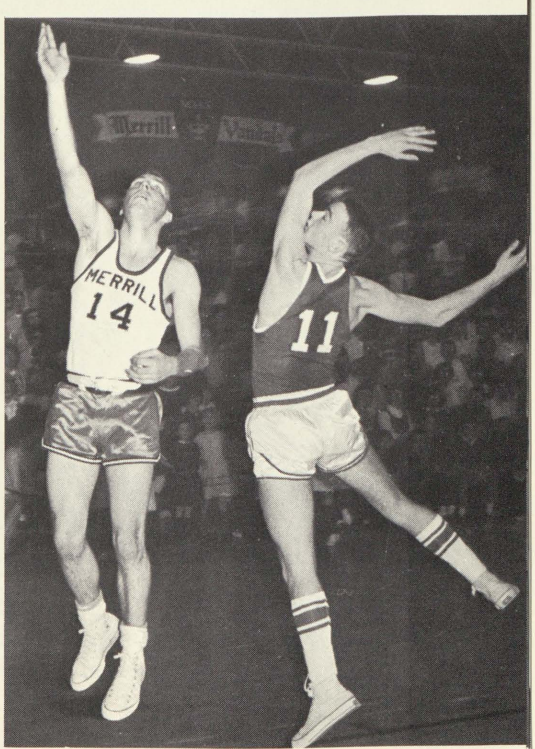


J.V. BASKETBALL, FRONT ROW: Coach McAnary; Duane Siler; Keith Clark; Tom Valliere; John Goschka. SECOND ROW: Rick Barber; John White; Bob White. BACK ROW: Mike Dale, Student Manager; Dave Chapman; Dennis Bosio; Gary Schultz.

Little Vandals Win JV Title with 15—1 Mark

Replacements Show Promise

Basketball Ballet



"Gimme that ball"

9th GRADE BASKETBALL, STANDING: Coach McAnary; Dan Micsak; John Glazier; Ray Syers; Bob Cicinelli; Joe Gifford; Jim Hyatt; Rex Wierman; Doug Kapff; Mike Siler. KNEELING: Fred Alaniz; Dave Purcell; Dennis Brooks; Bill Watson; Tom Syers; Dave McQueen; Dave Doehring; Dennis Beougher. SEATED: Keith Ponsteele; Pat Murphy.

Future Champions

8th and 9th Grade Boys Learn Fundamentals

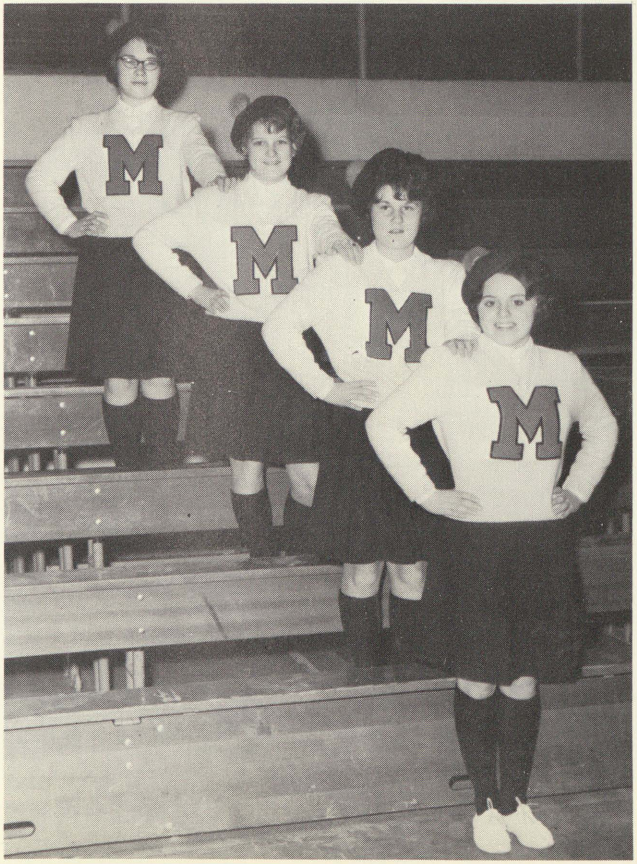
8th GRADE BASKETBALL, STANDING: Coach Smith; Chris Cicinelli; Jim Robbins; Bob Myers; Ron Poyer; Pat Tester; Jim Wale; Greg Schultz. KNEELING: Keith Hoggard; Bob Rohn; Bob Walter; Bill Meyer; Ernie Miller; Gary Honaman; Larry Feusse. SEATED: Bob Hickson; Ken Maier; Art Tolfree; Gary Harper; Bill Doehring; Eldon Furlong.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Adela Garza, Cheri Darland; Carol Honaman; Marcia Shaw; Arlene Turbin.

JV CHEERLEADERS: Candy Miller; Sheila Doyle; Ruth Welling; Ann Johnston.

Cheerleaders Play Role in Teams' Successes

Enthusiastic Girls Inspire Team and Student Body



Coached by Mrs. Kleiner, the various cheerleading groups led the student body in enthusiastic support of their teams both at games and pep meetings.

9th GRADE CHEERLEADERS: Pat Buckley; Janice Schultz; Karen Jensen; Terri Jacobs.

8th GRADE CHEERLEADERS: Barbara Wegner; Kathy Bosio; Claudia Pringle; Barbara Meyer.

BASEBALL, STANDING: Coach Smith; Mike Petricevic; Dale Pratt; Ron Sherman; Keith Clark; Bob White; Rex Wierman; Bill Rohn. KNEELING: Dave Kennedy; Bill Watson; Jim Felkar; Doug Kappf; Bob Krueger; Lonnie Roberts; Ron Buckley; Larry Tester. SITTING: Larry Doehring; Duane Maier; Gary Schultz; Paul Micsak; Tom Valliere; Gary Wenzel; Kurt Cicinelli.

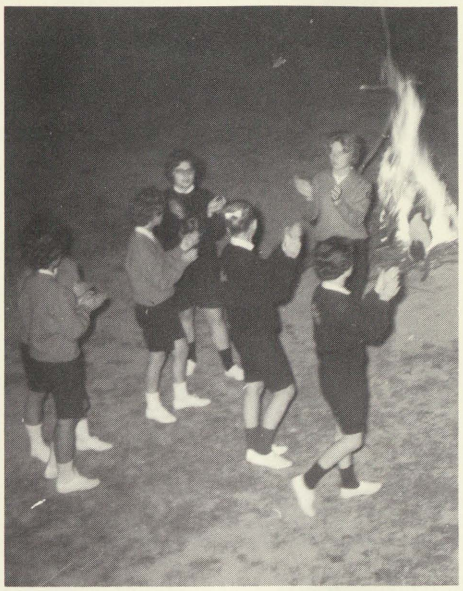
The baseball team won 2 and lost 7 this year. They were a young team and showed considerable promise for the future. Lost through graduating are only 2 seniors, Paul Micsak and Ron Sherman. There will be 14 returning lettermen next spring. Gary Wenzel was elected most valuable player by his team mates.

Spring Sports Have Slow Season

Underclassmen Show Promise for Future

The 1964 Merrill Track Team had a busy year. They took part in 15 meets, making a good showing. Co-Captains Dick Siler, a 1/4 miler, and Dan Buckley, an all-around performer, showed the way throughout the season. The Vandals were a strong third in the Conference meet with 39 1/2 points. Several strong underclassmen could make the Vandals one of the stronger "C" teams next year.

YOUTH COUNCIL: Mr. Aubuchon, Advisor; Tom Carstensen; Arlene Turbin; Maggie Bjellerup; Barb Brumann; Janet Darland; Mike Dale.

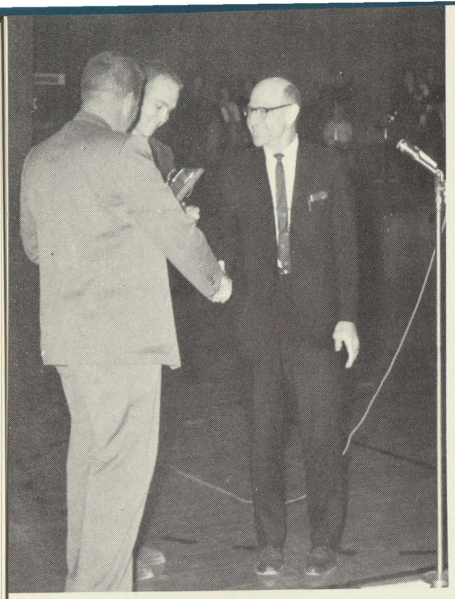


Band Day at U. of M.

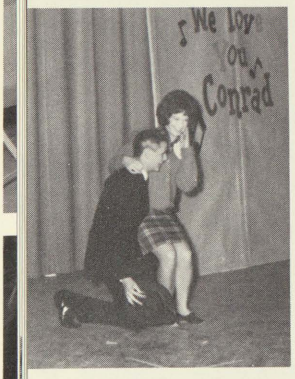
"Crunch"

FHA President, Carol

"Ya-hoo! The district trophy's ours."



Let's go get 'em, gang !



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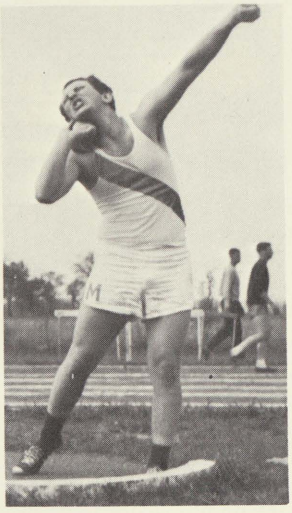

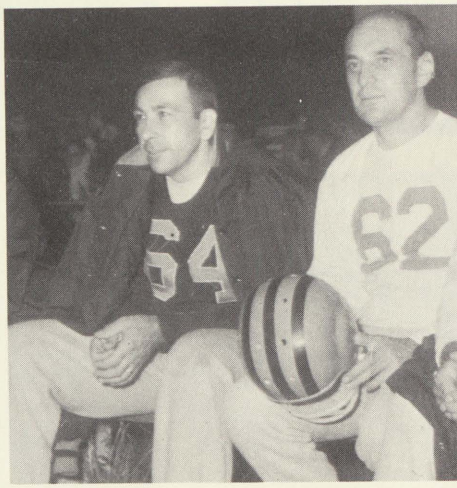

Water bucket custodia

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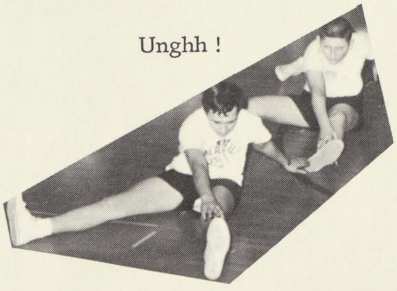
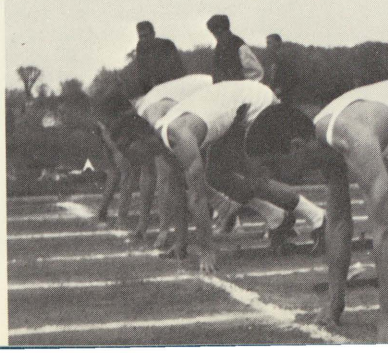
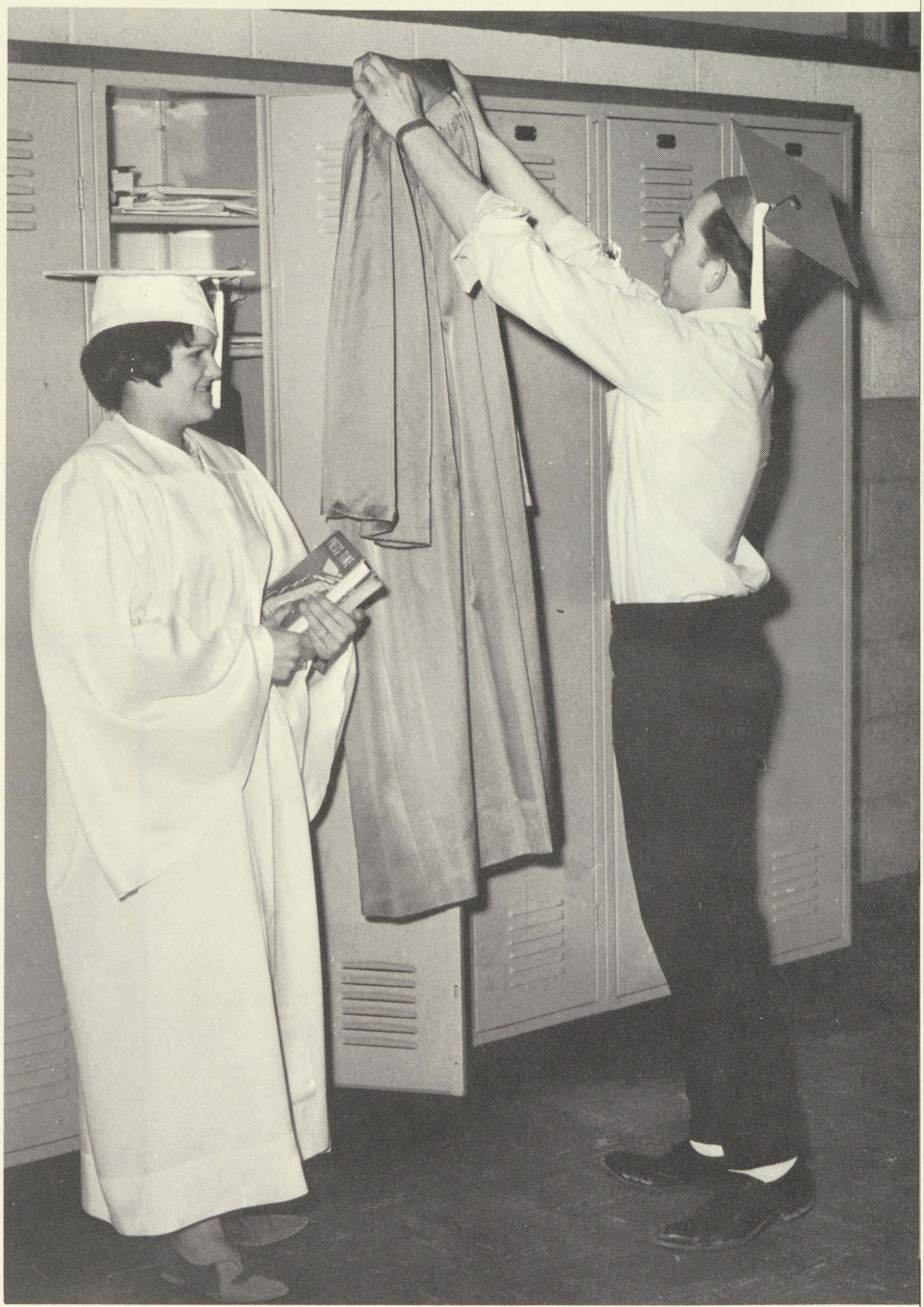




Runners to your mark . . .



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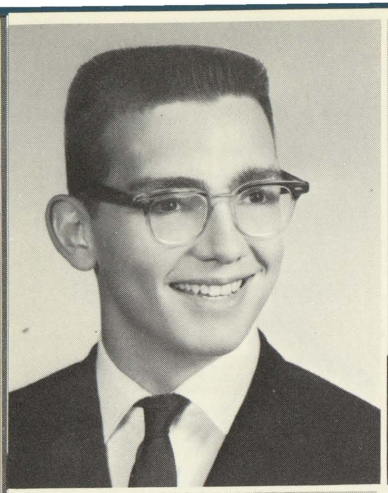

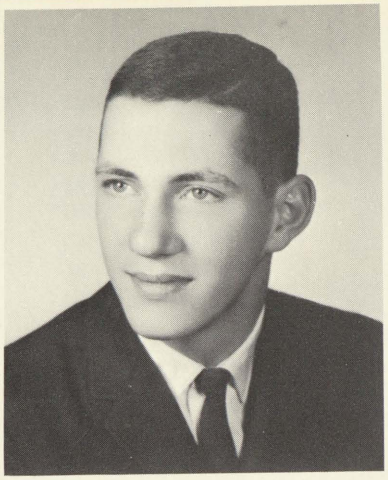

DAVID A. GONZALEZ
Latin Club 2,4; Play Cast 4; GBC 2,4; Var. Club 4; Football 1,2,4; Class Treas. 2, Pres. 3,4.

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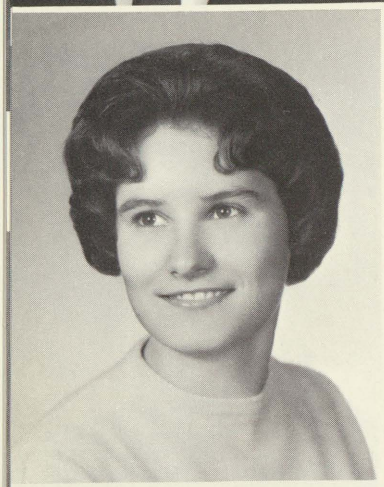
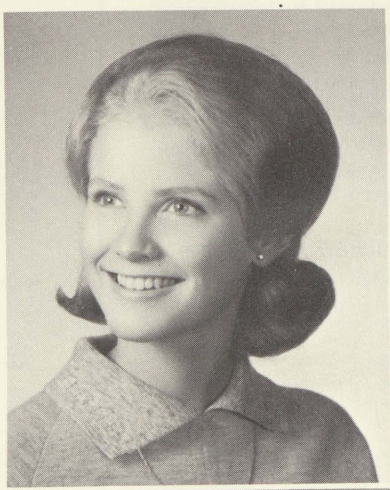


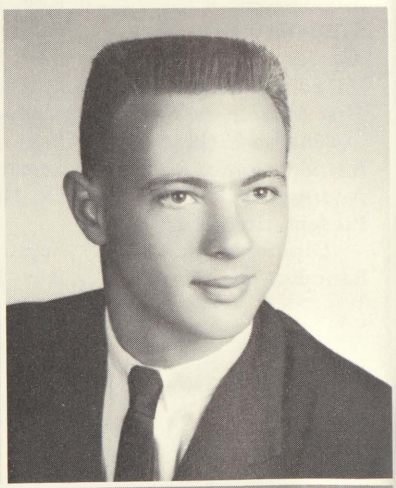
ADELA GARZA
FHA 1-4, 2nd V.P. 4; GAA 3; Homecoming Ct. 4; Latin Club 1-4; Play Staff 3,4; Cheerleader 1, J.V. 2, Varsity 3,4; Class Sec. 4.

The class of '64 was led by David Gonzalez with Dick Siler his assistant as vice president. Adela Garza and Patty Doehring also helped their class a great deal as secretary and treasurer respectively. Patty was also a member of the top ten.

Mr. Thomas Limberg, class advisor, spent much of his time in helping the seniors carry out their activities successfully. Without the help of Mr. Limberg and Mr. Ira Aubuchon, assistant advisor, the class could not have succeeded in achieving their goals.

Class Motto: "In Ourselves





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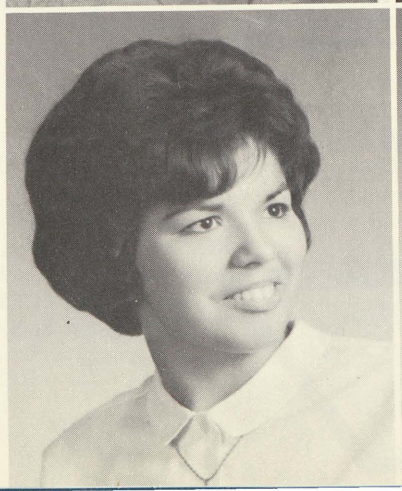

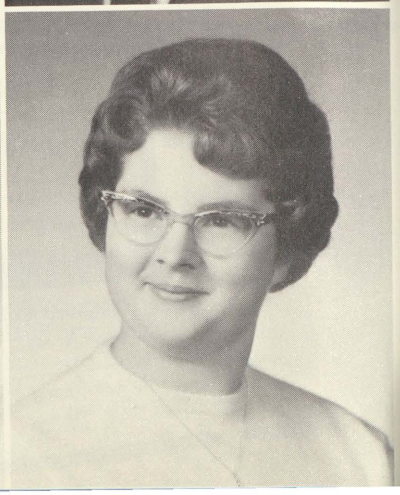

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FHA 1-4; GAA 1; Chorus 1; Library 2-4; Office Ass't 3,4.

BEVERLY BRUBAKER
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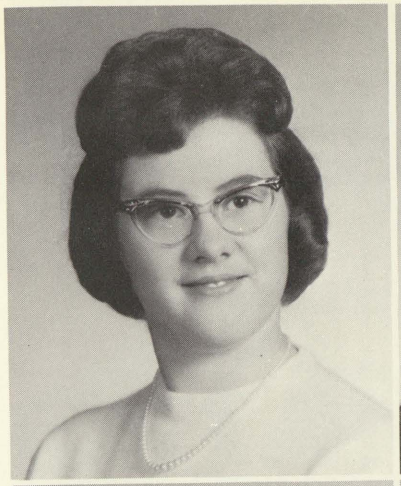
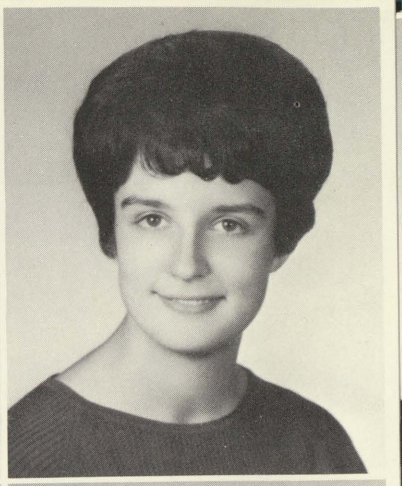
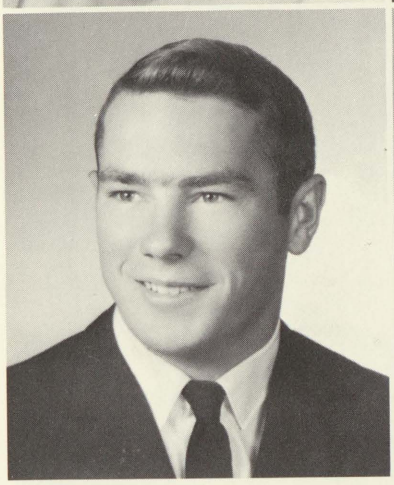
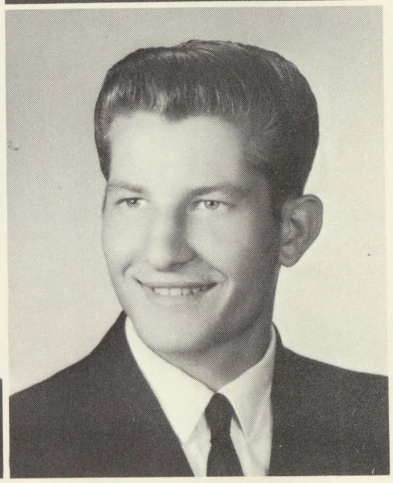




MARCIA L. BRUBAKER
FHA 1-4; School Paper 3,4; Latin Club 4; Play Staff 4; GBC 2-4; Library 2-4; Cafeteria Ass't 1.

BARBARA BRUMANN
German Exchange Student 4; FHA 4; Youth Council 4; Chorus 4; Student Council 4; GAA 4.

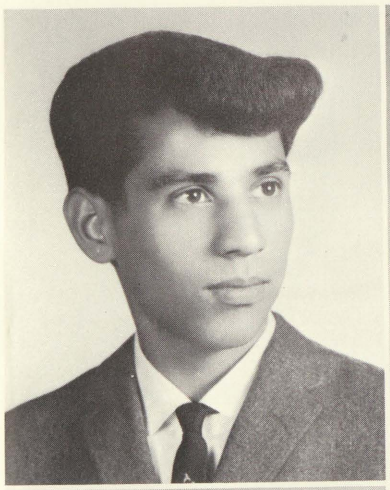




DAN BUCKLEY
FFA 1-4; Sec. 4; Homecoming Ct. 4; GBC 4; Baseball 4; Basketball 1-4; Var. Club 3,4, Treas. 4; Track 1-4; Football 1-4.

JEFF C. COLE
FFA 1-4; Var. Club 4; Track 2,3; Football 1-4; Cafeteria Ass't 2,4; Class Sec. 1.

Our Future Lies."



ROSARIO CORNEJO
FFA 1,3,4.

ELOISE M. DIETRICH
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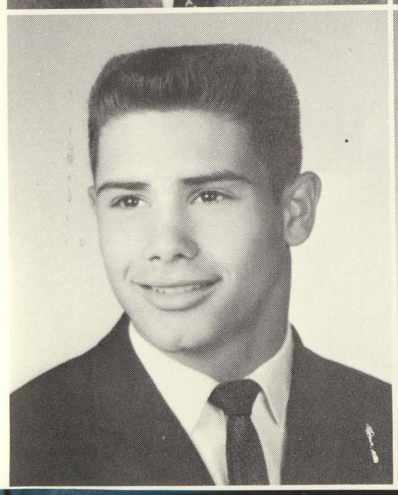
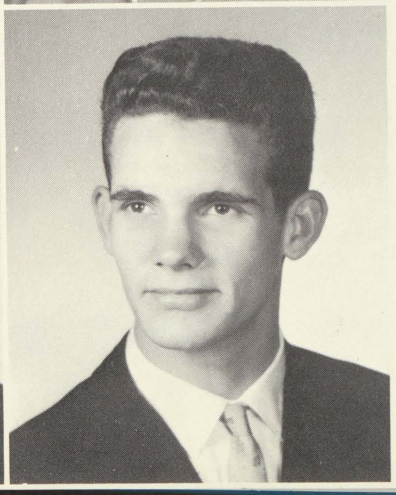
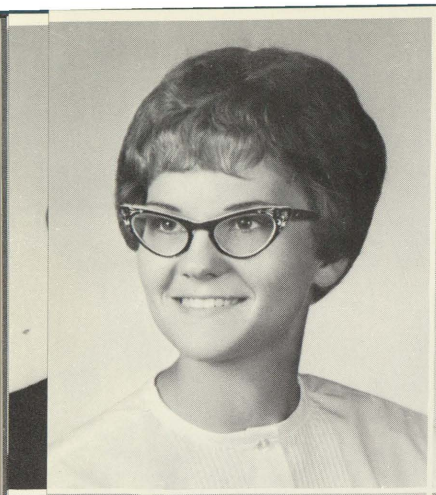
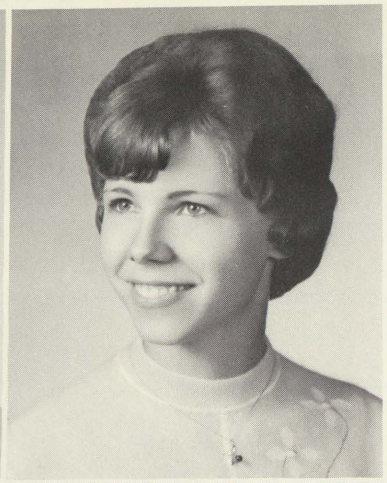




DOUGLAS JON EASTMAN
Homecoming King 4; Football 1-4; Var. Club Pres. 4; Track 2-4.

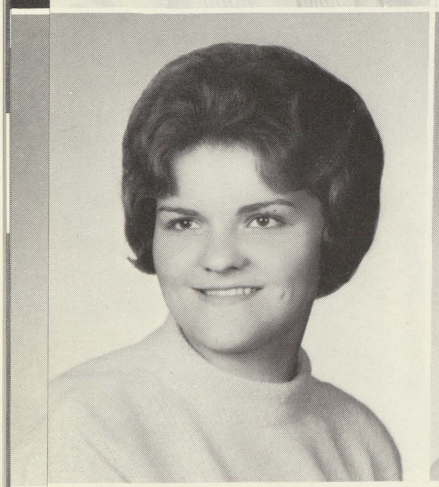
DICK EASTMAN
FFA 4.

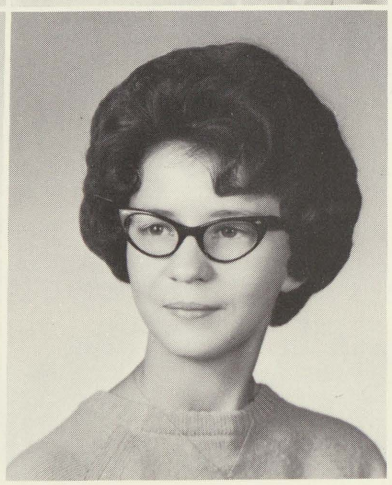




JANICE LOUISE FRANCETIC
FHA 1-4; GAA 1-4; School Paper 4; Glee Club 3; Chorus 2,3; Play Staff 3,4; Play Cast 3; GBC 2-4; NHS 4.

SUE ANN FROST
FHA 1-4, Reg. Hist. 4, Chap. Hist. 3, 1st V.P. 4; GAA 1-4; School Paper 3; Glee Club 3,4; Chorus 1-4; Play Cast 4; GBC 4; Office Ass't 4.





FRANCES GEIGER
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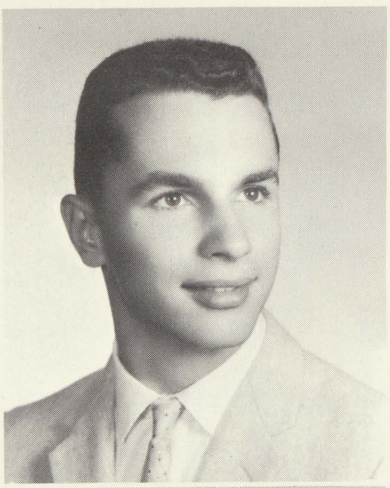
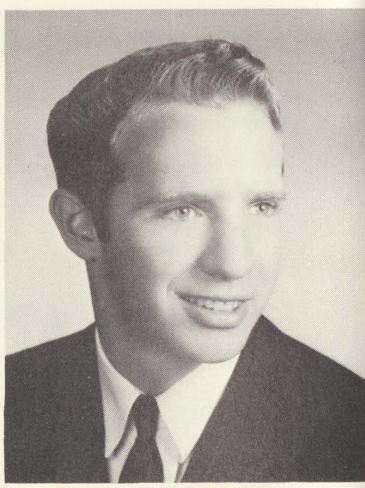
FHA 1-4; School Paper 4; GBC 4.

Class Colors: Blue and Silver





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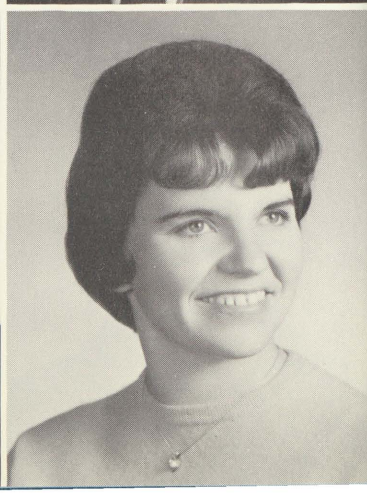

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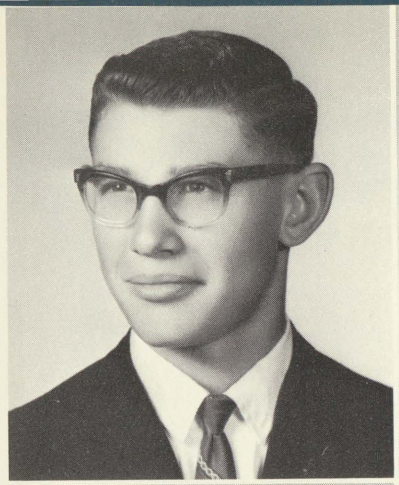
Play Staff 4; Play Cast 4.

JANET A. HOCK
FHA 1-4; GAA 1-4; School Paper 3; Glee Club 3,4; Band 1-4; Chorus 2-4; Play Cast 4; GBC 2-4; Office Ass't 4.

WILFRED HOEPPNER

CAROL L. HONAMAN
FHA 1-4, Reporter 3, Pres. 4; GAA 1-3; School Paper 3; Homecoming Qn. 4; Glee Club 3,4; Chorus 4; GBC 4; NHS 4, Sec. 4; Student Council 3,4, Sec. 3, V.P. 4; Office Ass't 4; Cheerleader, J.V. 2, Varsity 3,4; DAR 4.



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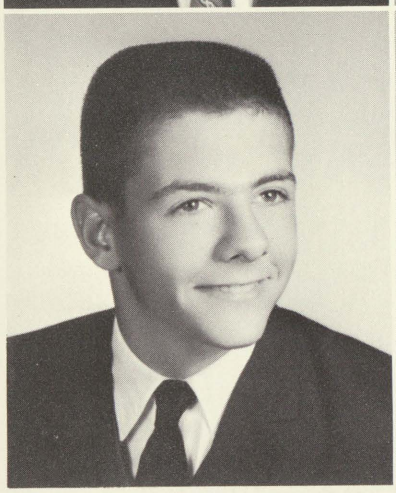
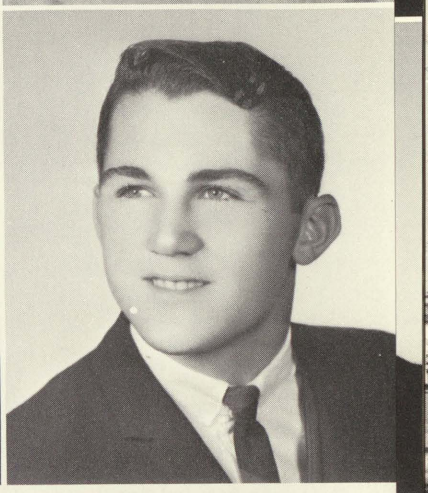
RICHARD LONDRY





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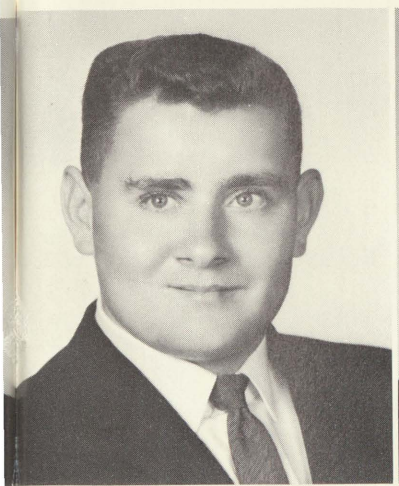
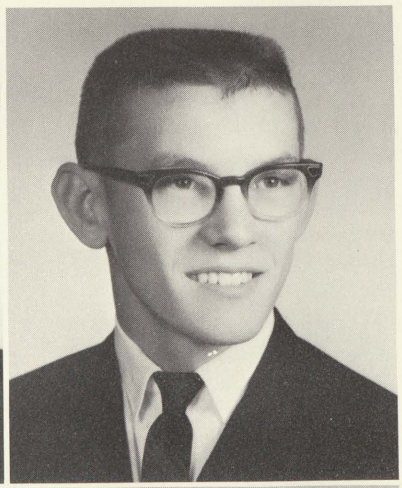
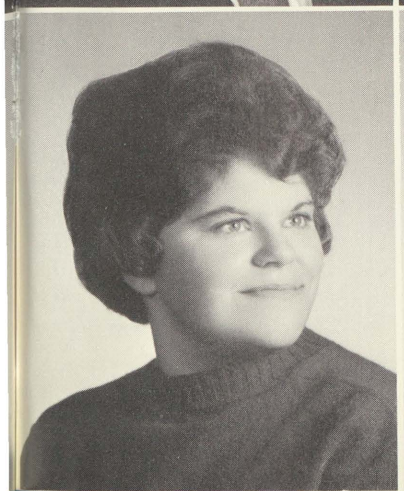




KENNETH LOWREY
Football 2; Basketball 1; Track 1.

PAUL MICSAK
Homecoming Ct. 4; Baseball 1-4; Football 1-4, co-capt. 4; Basketball 1-4; Var. Club 4; Track 1; Class Sec. 3.



SANDRA MILLER
Glee Club 4; Chorus 4.

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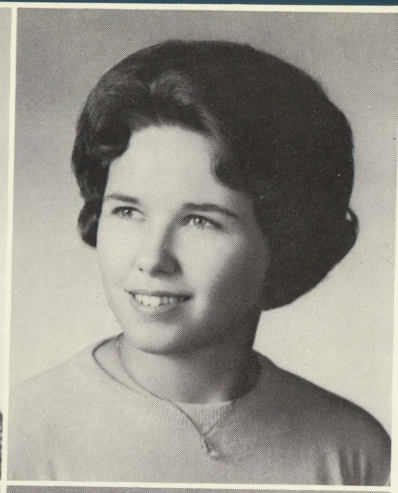
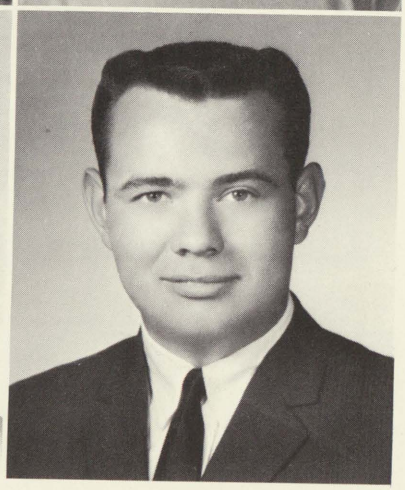


DAVID PERRY
Play Staff 4; Play Cast 3; Football 1,3, Manager 4; Var. Club 4, Sergeant-at-arms 4; Track 1-4.

KAY E. PETERS
FHA 1-4; School Paper 3,4; GBC 3,4; Library 3.



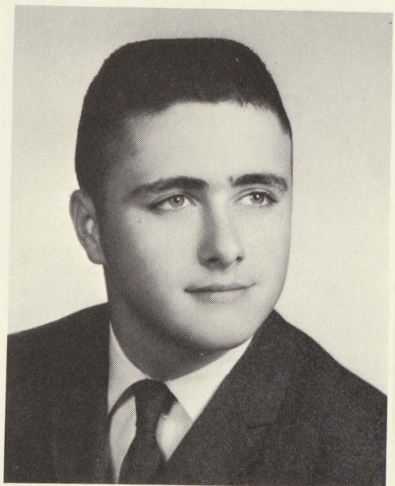
DIANE M. POYER
FHA 1-4; GAA 1-4, V.P. 4; School Paper 4; Homecoming Ct. 4; Glee Club 3; Chorus 1-4; Latin Club 1; Play Staff 4; Play Cast 3; GBC 4; Office Ass't 4; Cheerleader 1.

DALE PRATT
FFA 1-4; Baseball 3,4; Var. Club 4.

Class Flower: Blue Carnation

RODNEY C. PRINGLE
Band 1-4, Student Director 4; Play Staff 4.

EDITH ROSS
FHA 1-4; GAA 4; School Paper 3; Glee Club 3,4; Chorus 3,4; Library 4.



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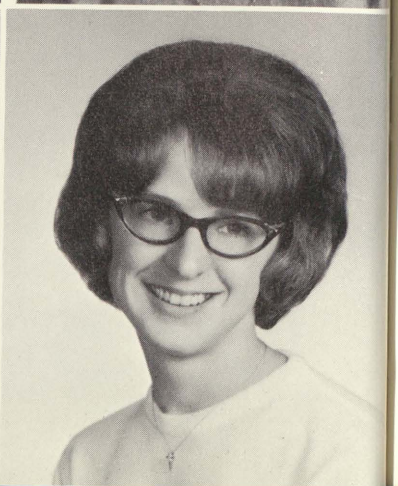
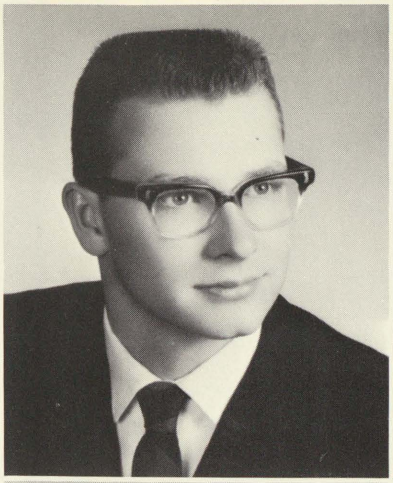
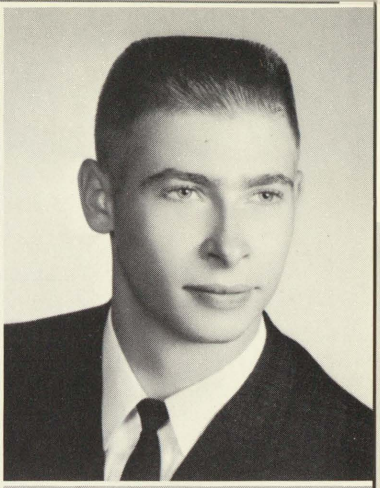


DAVID SHERMAN
Basketball 1,2.

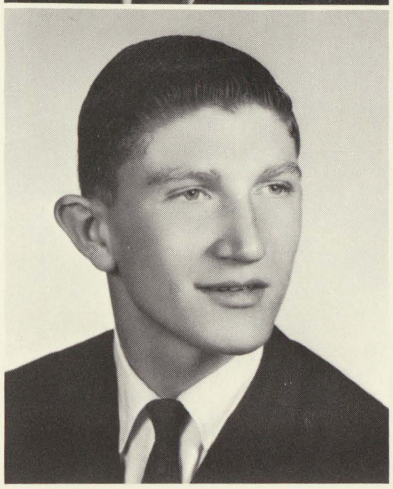
RON SHERMAN
Play Staff 3,4; Play Cast 4; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1,2; Var. Club 4; Football 1.

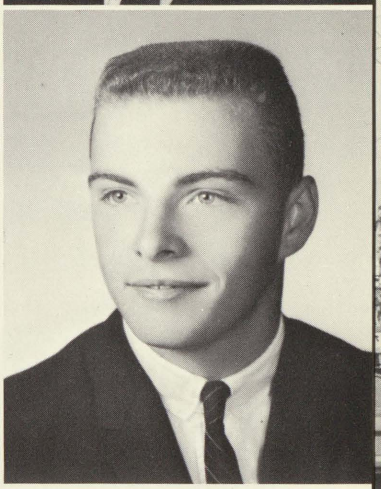




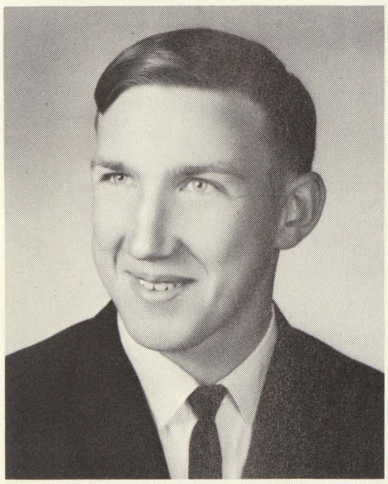
CLIFF T. SILER
FFA 1-4, Chap. Rep. 4, County Rep. 4; Annual Staff 4; Chorus 2,3; Play Staff 3,4; Play Cast 3, 4; GBC 3,4; FTA 3,4, Treas. 3, Pres. 4; Shop Ass't 4; Cafeteria Ass't 4.

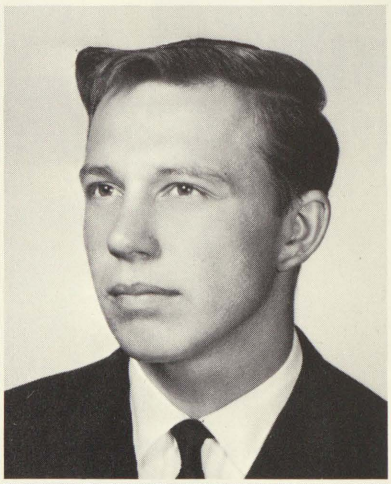
PETE SILER
FFA 1-4, Reg. Rep. 4, Pres. 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; School Paper 4; Youth Council 3; Homecoming Ct. 4; Chorus 2,3; Play Cast 3,4; S.C. 4; Var. Club 4, V.P. 4; Track 2,4; Football 2-4; Class Sec. 2.





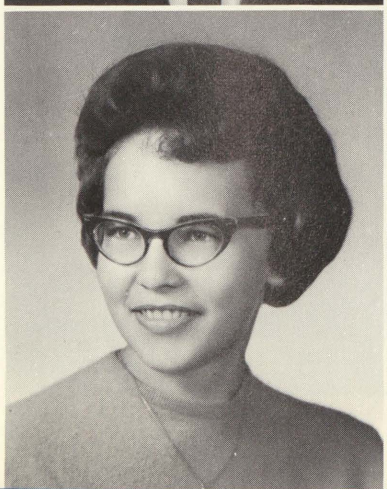
Class Play: "The Marriage Machine"





GERALD STARKE
Football 1,2; FFA 1-4.

JAMES STEFANSKI



DARLENE M. STENZEL
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BONNIE STRAIT
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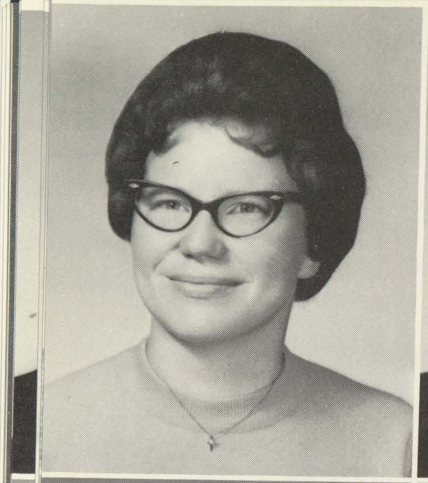
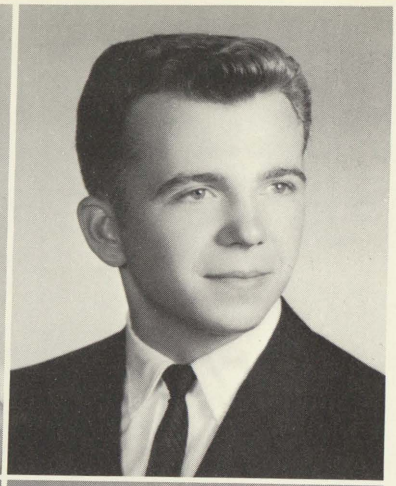
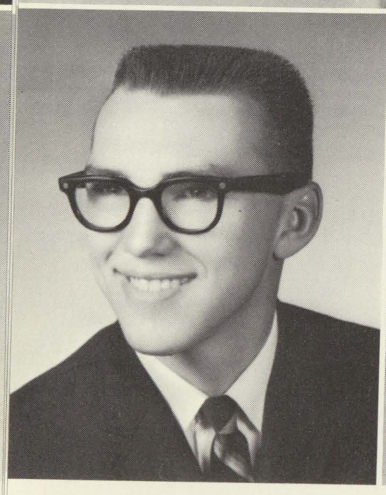




JEAN E. VALLIERE
FHA 1-4, Typist 4, Parl. 4; GAA 1-4, Parl. 3, Pres. 4; School Paper 3,4; Glee Club 3, Chorus 1-4; Play Staff 4; Play Cast 3; GBC 4; Office Ass't 2,4.

ROBERT VICAN
FFA 1.



TOM WARD
FFA 1-4; Play Staff 4; Play Cast 3; Football 3.

JO ANDREA WILES
FHA 4.

A Final Farewell from the Class of '64

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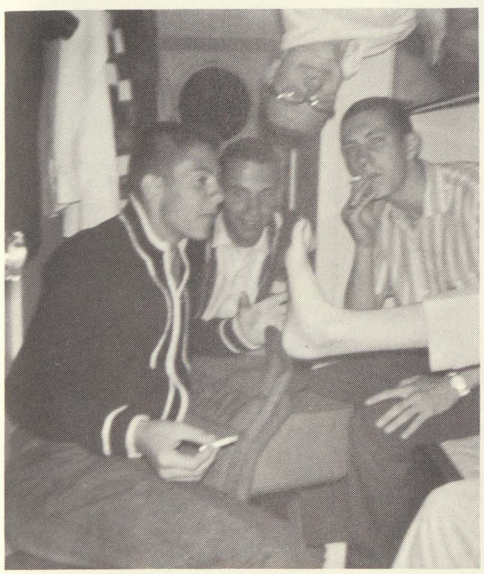
Student Council . . . . . Ethel Boutin
Rotary Award . . . . . Patty Doehring
Citizenship . . . . . Carol Honaman
Activities . . . . . Arlene Turbin
Service . . . . . Sharon Vedrode
Commercial . . . . . Darlene Gath
English . . . . . Janice Francetic
Athletic Award . . . . . Paul Micsak
Sportsmanship . . . . . Dan Buckley
Journalism . . . . . Darlene Gath
Industrial Arts . . . . . Clifford Siler
John Philip Sousa . . . . . Janet Hock
NHS Student of the Year . . . . . Patty Doehring
De Kalb Award . . . . . Jerry Goschka

That lived-in look!

Senior's last day

We're almost there



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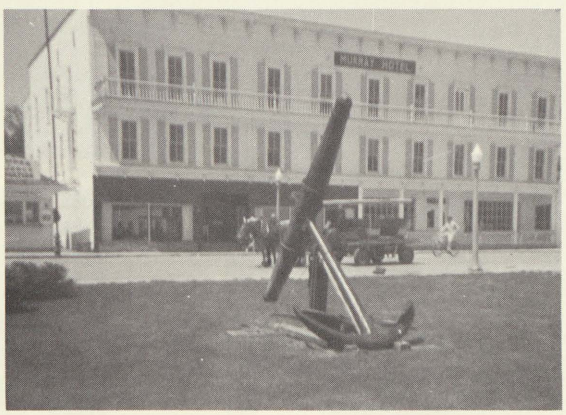
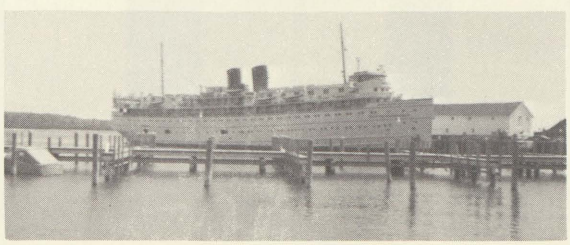
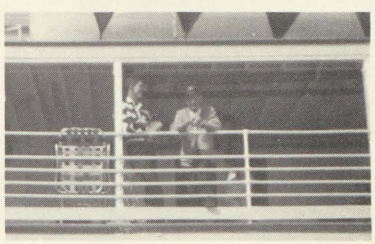
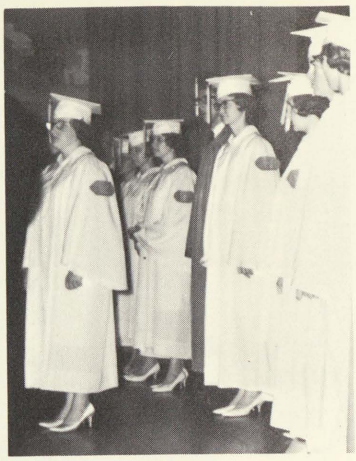






S.S. South American

"Oh-Oh! Here we go."



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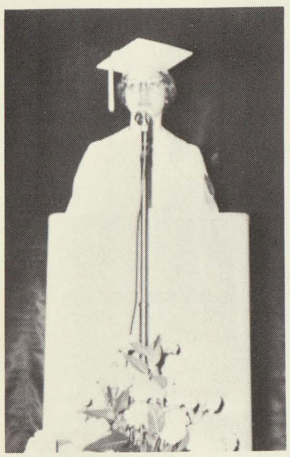

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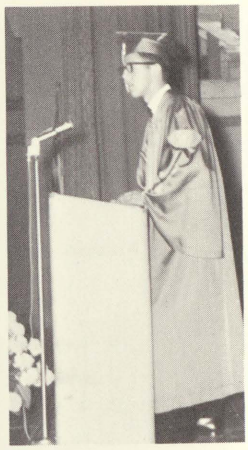

Salutatory
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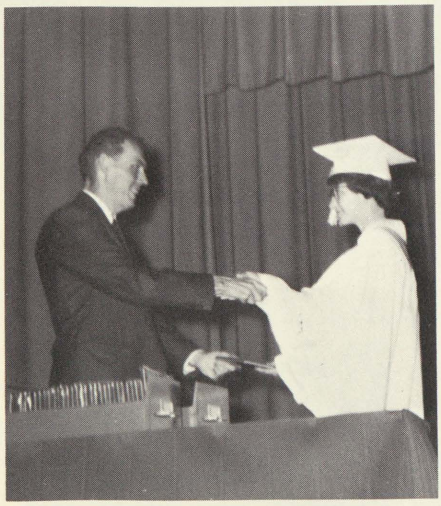
Congratulations Seniors



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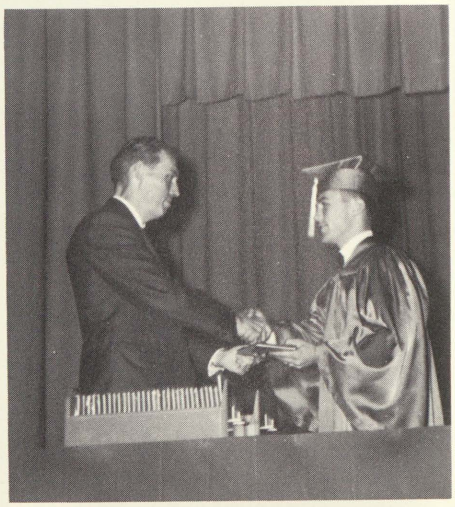

UNDERCLASSMEN

Juniors

Juniors Take Tests in Preparation for College

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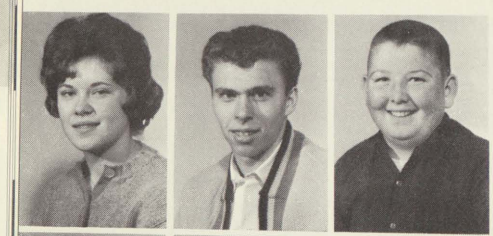
Ruth Welling . . . . . Vice President
Marcia Shaw . . . . . Secretary
Mary Otto . . . . . Treasurer



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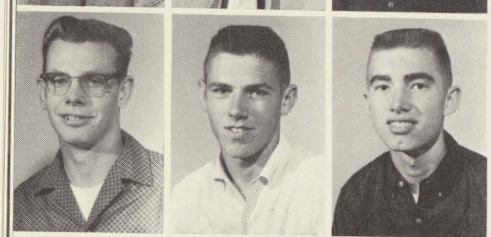
Sam Benjamin
Bob Beougher
Jim Bluemer
Dennis Bosio



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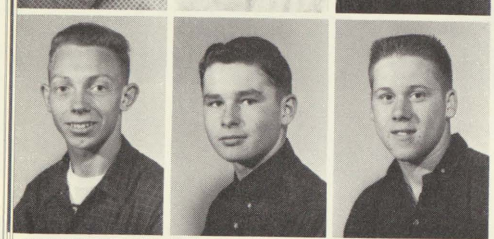
Karen Cermak
David Chapman



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Robert Colmus
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Lyle Davis
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Karen Doan
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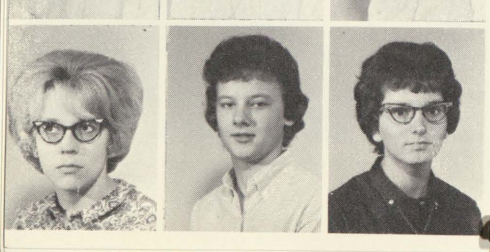
Larry Doehring
Kathleen Dopp



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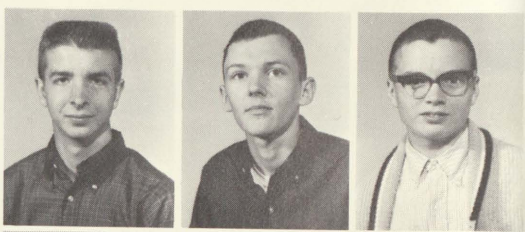

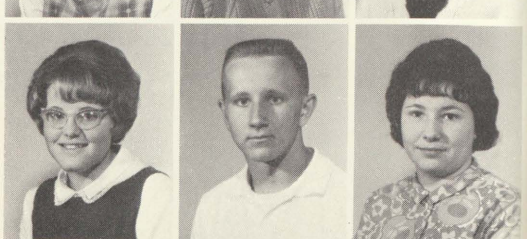
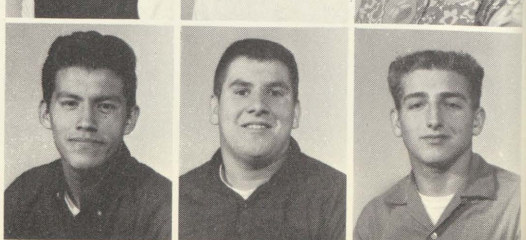

Dances, Carwash, and Prom Keep Juniors Busy

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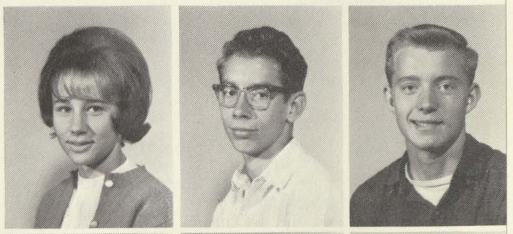

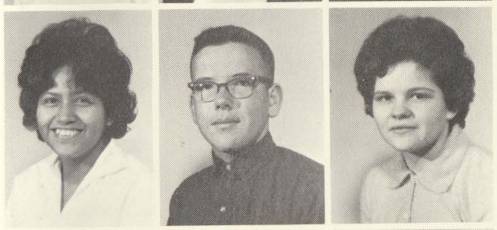

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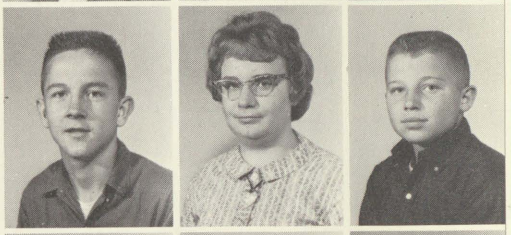

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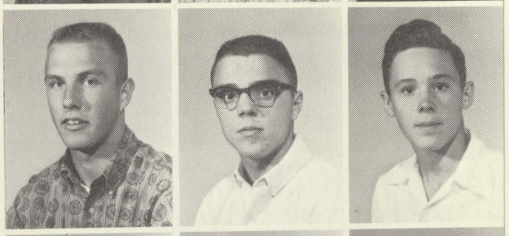

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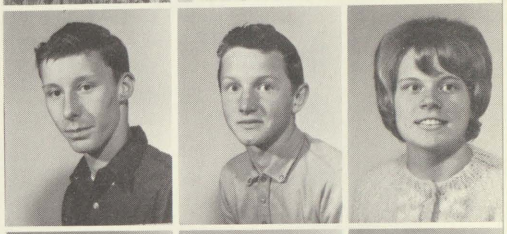

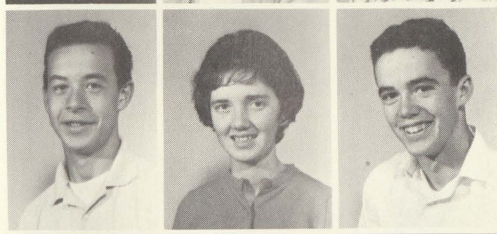

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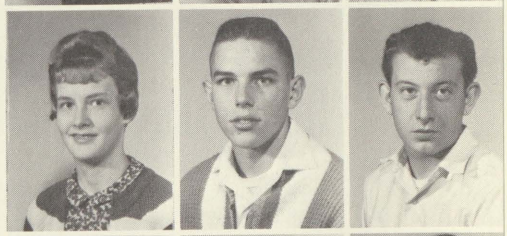

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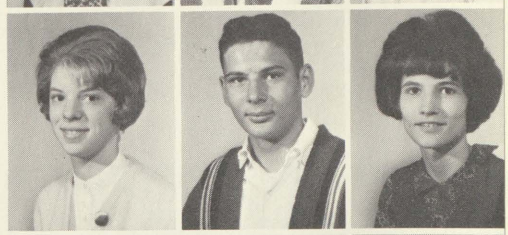

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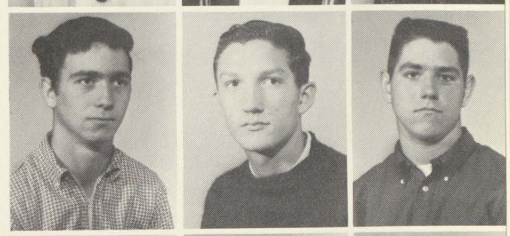

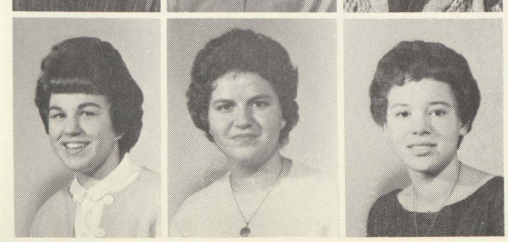

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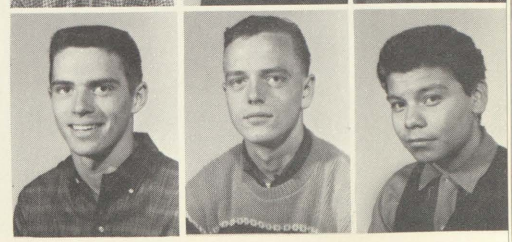
Ernie Trevino



Juniors Revive Stone-Age Customs in Play

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Gary Wenzel
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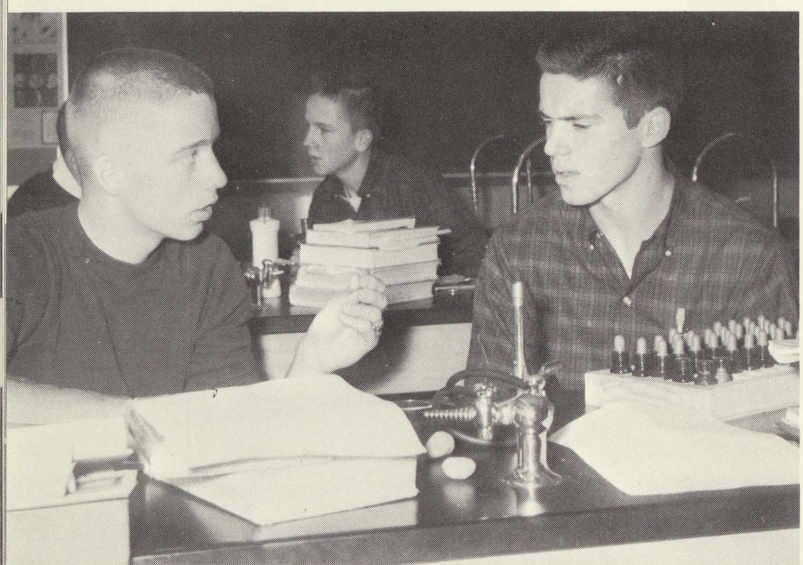
James Wetmore
Vyrenna Wood

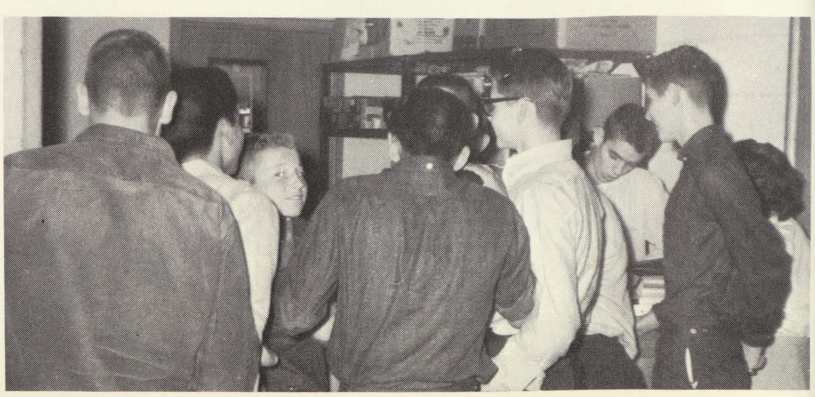


"Think about that for awhile."

"PLEASE! Don't smear my makeup."

"Oops!" We need a pin."

We aren't this pushy all the time.



Sophomores

Determination and Hard Work Gain Prestige

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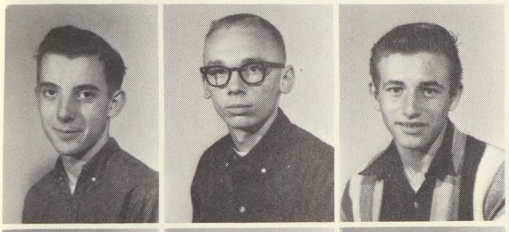
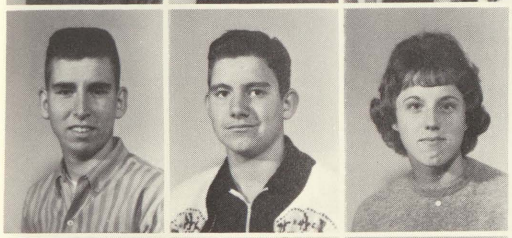
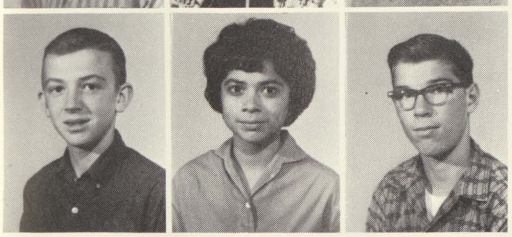
Judy Reinke . . . . . Vice President
Pam Tester . . . . . Secretary
Gail Playford . . . . . Treasurer

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Richard Brown
Marshall Chase
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Kurt Cicinelli

Bob Cicinelli
James Clark
Patsy Clark
Rodney Clark
Pat Coppens
John Cooper

Bob Corbat
Connie Cornejo
Ken Coty
Cathy Darland
Lora Davis
Janet Dembicky

Walter DeLoe
JoAnn Doan
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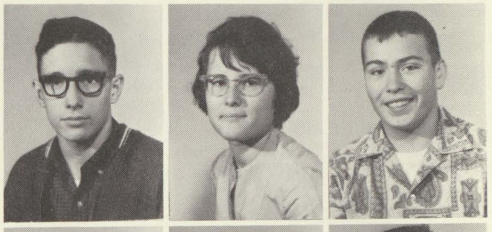
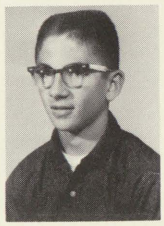
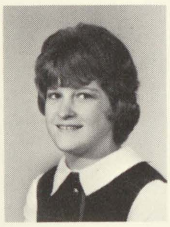


FRESHMEN

Full-Fledged Vandals on the Scene





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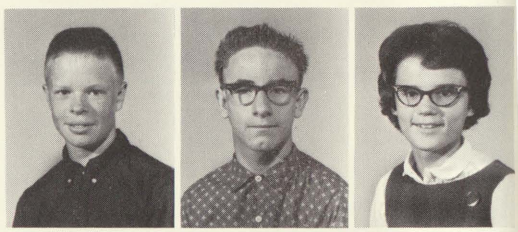

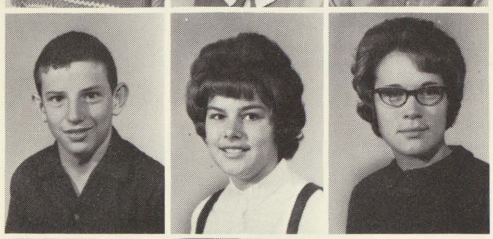

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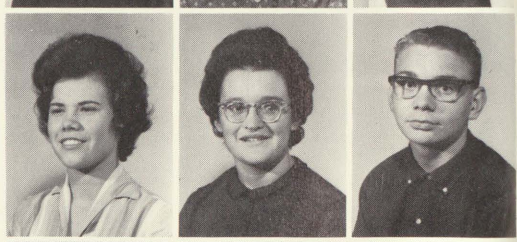

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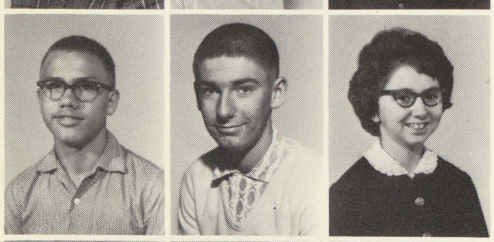

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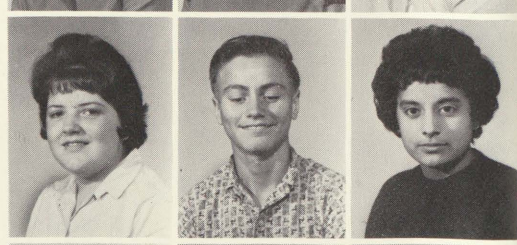

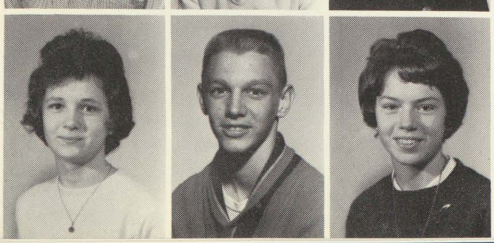

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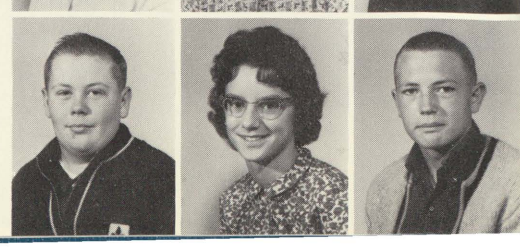
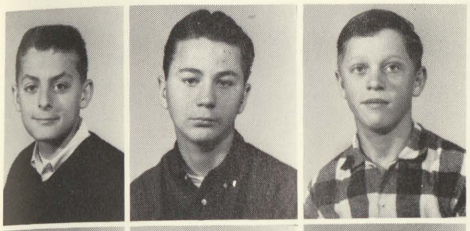


Largest Class Gets into Swing of High-School Life



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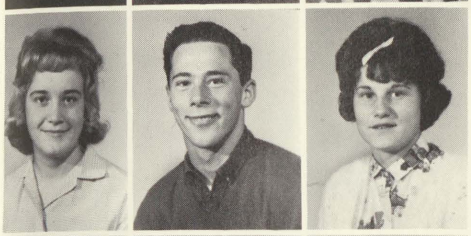

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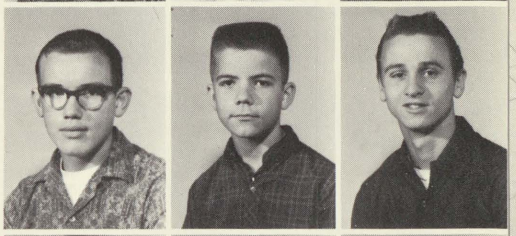

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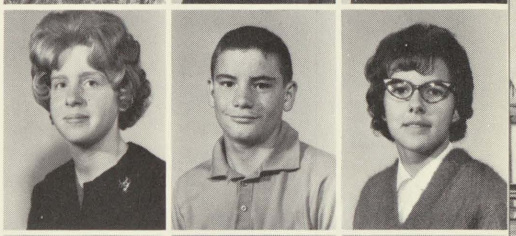

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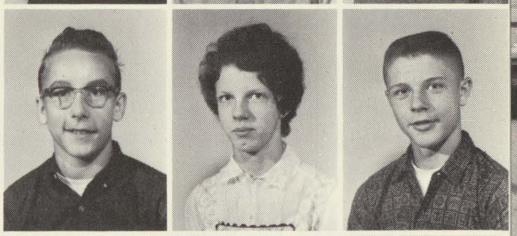

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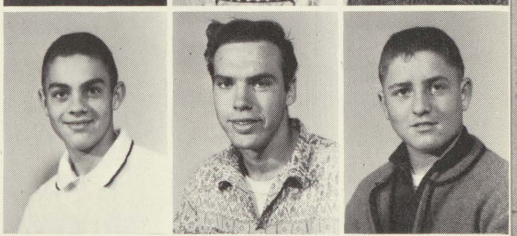

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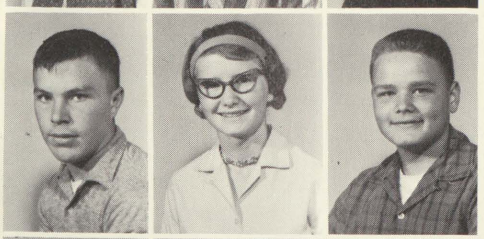

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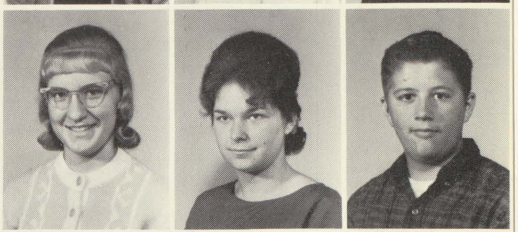

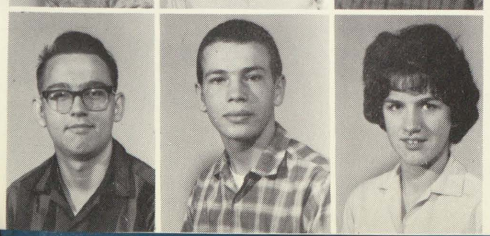

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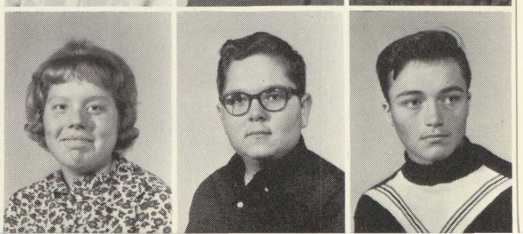

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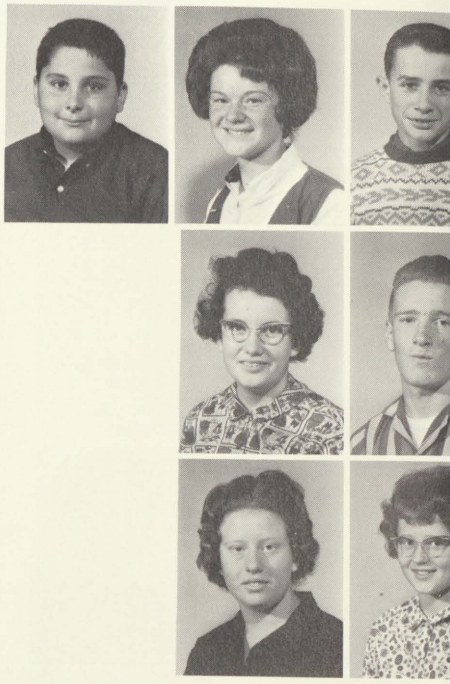

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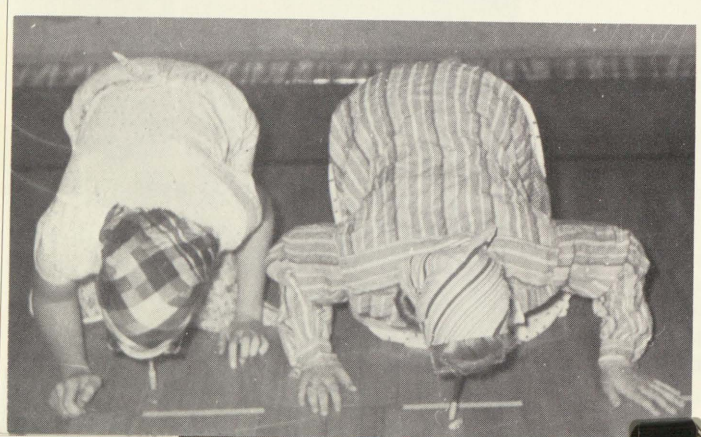
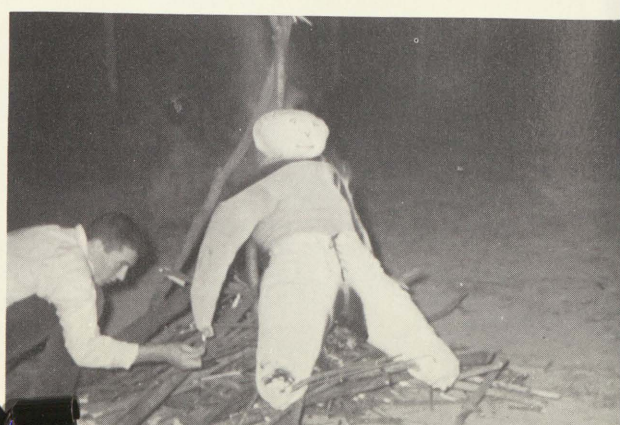
"Ox blood--UGH! "

Freshman gossip travels fast.

Who won?



Watch Breckenridge burn.



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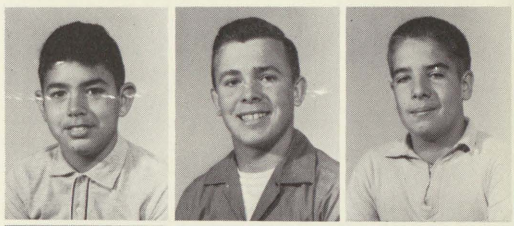

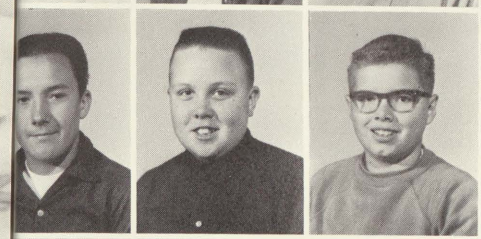

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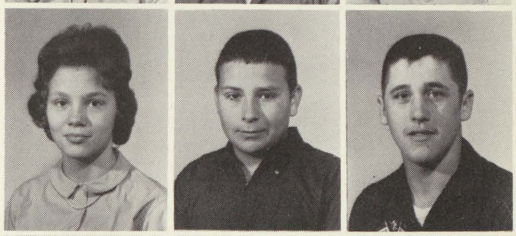

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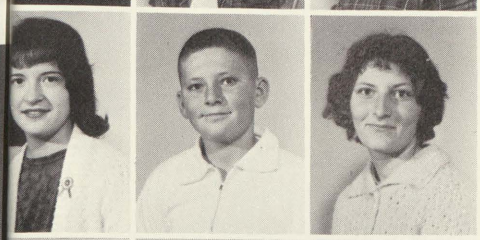

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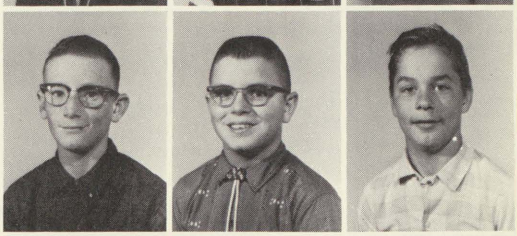

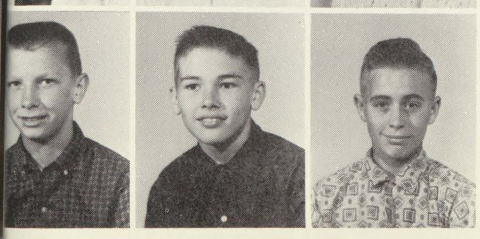

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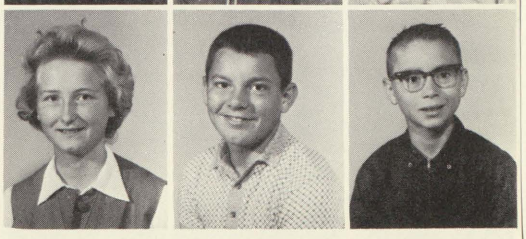

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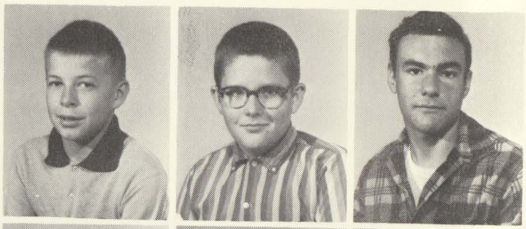

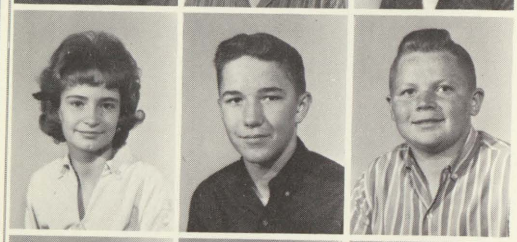

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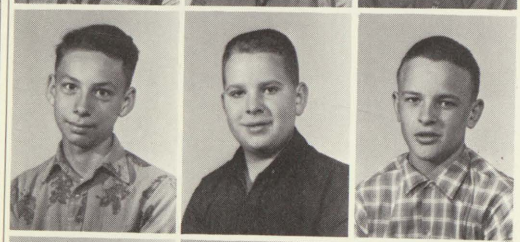

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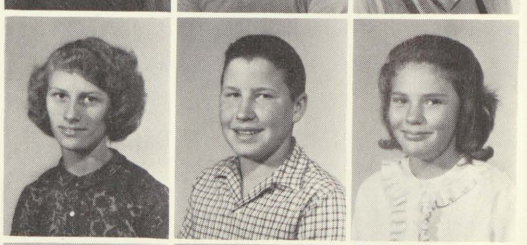

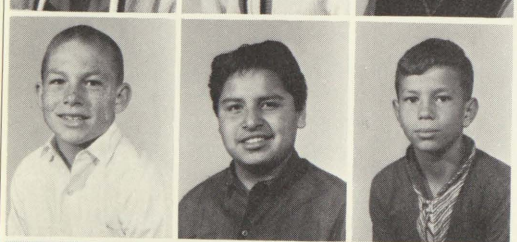

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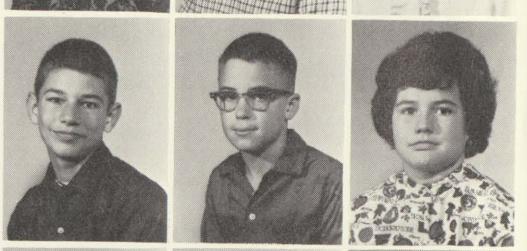

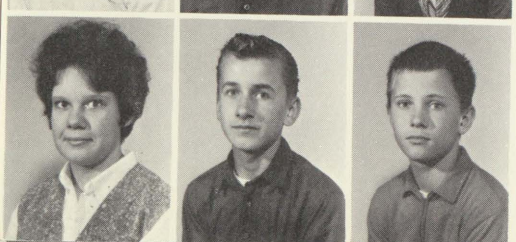

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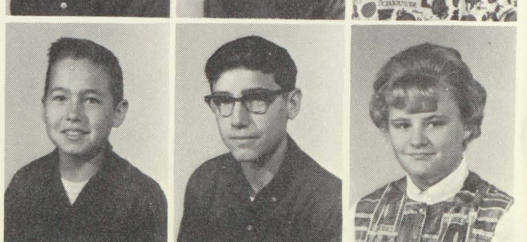

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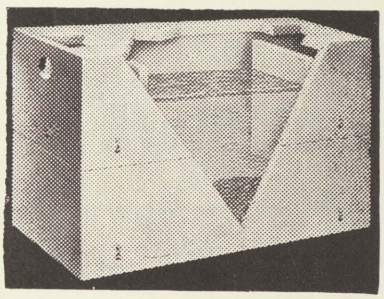

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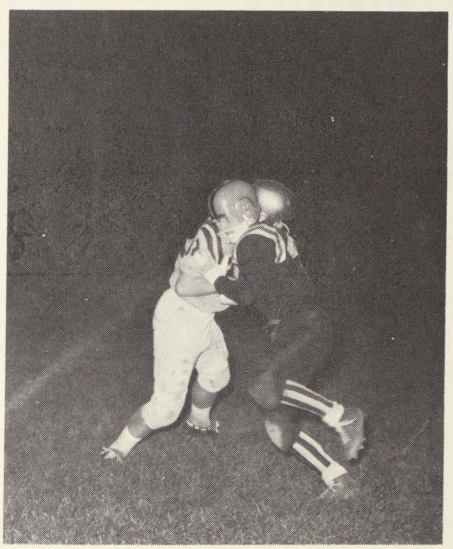

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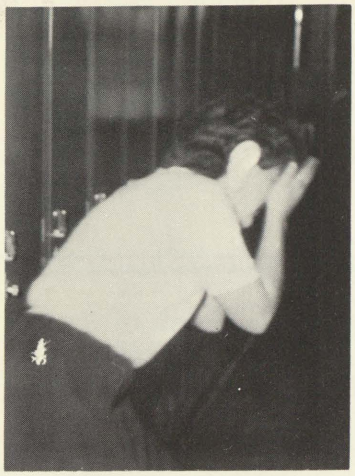

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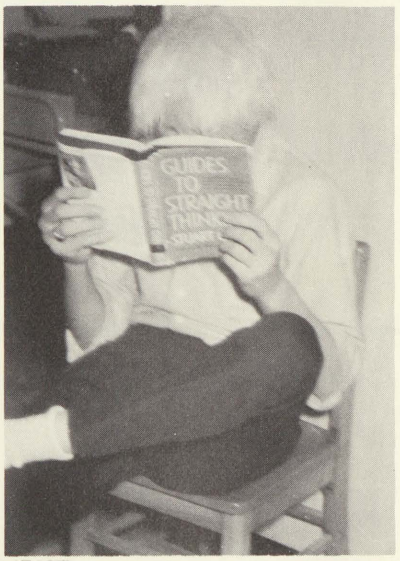

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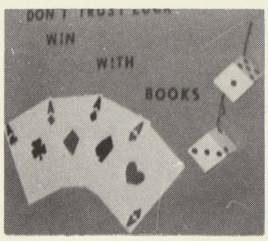

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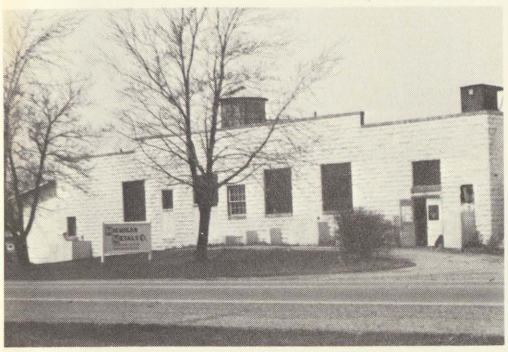

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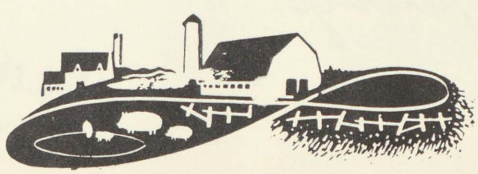

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Maggie and Barb say goodbye to the school, represented by Dave Gonzalez, Senior President; Ethel Boutin, Maggie's American sister; Dick Siler, Senior Vice-President and Barb's American cousin; and Mr. Frechette, Superintendent.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all students and teachers at Merrill High for a truly wonderful year. It has been a great experience for me to study and live with you this time.

By living here in Merrill, right in the heart of America, I've learned that your great nation is built up by ordinary people. Because all nations are built up by ordinary people with the same daily dark and light moments, it's hard to believe there is so much tension in the world. I think that if more boys and girls in their late teens could go abroad under the same circumstances as I did, much could be done to promote world understanding. To become an American for this short time has helped me to look beyond the great names and faces of Washington, D.C.

I hope you won't forget me too soon and also that I helped you to get a better view of my home country, Sweden. I won't ever forget you. I'm sure that some time in the future I'll come back here and see what has become of you all. I hope that, if you ever come in the neighborhood of Sweden, you will please come and see me.

God bless you all,

Margareta Bjellerups

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Actually it's not too long ago since this one airplane landed in Detroit. I was aboard--all shook up with upset stomach and aching head. Now, almost one year later, I know that I had most of my headaches during the first few weeks. Wherever I went, whomever I met, I was always wondering whether I had seen the face or heard the voice before.

But before I could get all of them thoroughly mixed up, I had to go to school. Did you ever go to a foreign school for one year? No? You really missed something. The College Prep. course was ideal to improve my English in various fields--and I enjoyed doing it. It was also very interesting to study your country's history and government. I have learned how to use ten instead of one finger for typewriting, and I promise not to play softball at home, unless Santa Claus brings me a little handbook with all the rules I still don't know. Yes, Merrill can be mighty proud of each one of its teachers and students.

My family, school and community have made Merrill my second home, and I'll never forget my American friends and the wonderful experiences of 1963-64.

My home country is Germany, yours is America. The exchange program has proved to be the nicest way to get to know, respect and love each other.

Germany's exchange student
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